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PROCEEDINGS

At the Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Belleville, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July 18th, A. D. 1917, A. L. 5917.

There were present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Line.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. James G. Cane.....	Grand Junior Warden.
V. W. Bro. Rev. Louis W. Diehl..	as Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Hickson.....	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. A. Park.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Lanigan.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. H. R. Bright.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. John Pearson.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. E. A. Mackenzie.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
R. W. Bro. James McLachlan.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Neil McGibbon.....	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. A. L. Lott.....	as Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards:

V. W. Bro. C. E. Jackson.
V. W. Bro. John Conley.
V. W. Bro. J. W. Rogers.
V. W. Bro. Victor Williamson.
V. W. Bro. Thos. A. Lamon.
V. W. Bro. J. B. Willis.
V. W. Bro. Chas. Sievers.
W. Bro. John Billinghamurst.
W. Bro. W. J. Marks.

Grand Standard Bearers:

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon.
V. W. Bro. Robt. Anderson.
Bro. C. A. Hulley, Grand Tyler.

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R. W. Bro. John Watson.....	North Huron Dist.....	No. 5
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R. W. Bro. Andrew P. Johnston.....	Bruce District.....	No. 24
R. W. Bro. John A. Mills.....	Grey District.....	No. 25

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R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May.....	Queensland.
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R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw.....	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden.....	Indiana.
M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. J. B. Way.....	Maine.
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R. W. Bro. H. P. Stoneman.....	Utah.
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R.W.Bro. Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin.
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R.W.Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru.
R.W.Bro. W. M. Ross.....	Philippine Islands

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M.W. Bros. E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, J. H. Burritt, A. T. Freed, D. F. Macwatt, Hon. W. D. McPherson.

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Past Grand Senior Wardens—R.W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, W. N. Shaver, S. D. Warren, John Kinghorn, Geo. Moore, A. McGinnis, Jas. McLachlan, H. W. Wilson, L. R. Terwilligar.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R.W. Bros. John Boyd, John Tanner, J. C. Bartram, R. W. Clewlo, Henry Rush, Alex. Gibson.

Past Grand Registrars—R.W. Bros. D. Rutherford, W. C. Wilkinson, Henry T. Smith, R. J. Gibson, R. J. Craig.

Past Grand Chaplains—R.W. Bros. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Rev. Wm. Farncomb.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V.W. Bros. R. F. Richardson, J. G. Forgie, K. J. Dunstan, A. Park, Thos. Reid.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V.W. Bros. H. J. Charles, D. Robertson.

Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bro. John Pearson.

Past Grand Organists—V.W. Bros. J. B. Hutchins, Geo. Mitchell.

Past Assistant Grand Secretaries—V.W. Bro. G. B. Perry.

Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies—V.W. Bros. J. R. Livingston, A. J. Brown, A. G. Horwood, R. S. Thompson.

Past Grand Superintendents of Works—V.W. Bros. Frank Saunders, N. R. Miller, L. F. Riggs.

Past Grand Sword Bearers—V.W. Bros. Robt. Pye, A. R. Walker, W. E. Fitzgerald, W. S. McKay.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V.W. Bros. John Parsell J. S. Moorcraft, J. J. Wilson.

Past Grand Stewards—V.W. Bros. W. J. Shannon, H. Mulholland, S. N. Morrison, G. W. Fluker, A. H. Watson, J. F. Senn, W. O. Adams, A. Jemison, R. Ferguson, Robt. Charlton, E. J. Voss, J. C. Davidson, W. J. Sheppard, W. E. Birrell, W. C. Benson.

Past Grand Pursuivants—V.W. Bros. John McIntosh, W. W. Fitzgerald.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF BELLEVILLE.

His Worship, H. F. Ketcheson, Mayor of the City of Belleville, accompanied by Aldermen W. A. Woodley and W. B. Deacon, was introduced by R. W. Bro. John Pearson acting G. D. of C. and delivered the following address:

To the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of our citizens I welcome you on this your third visit to the city of Belleville.

We are led to believe that your previous visits were pleasant and profitable, else we should not have been honoured by your presence at this time.

You are meeting at the centre of one of the most historic localities in this province; on the

shore of the Bay of Quinte. It was here that the United Empire Loyalists came with their families, hewed down the forests and builded their homes. These grand and loyal men brought with them, treasured in their hearts, the principles and tenets of your order, and soon after their arrival Masonic lodges were founded. I am informed that six of the first thirteen lodges on the register of your Grand Lodge are situated quite near this centre.

The seven years that have passed since your last meeting here have brought many changes. There has been a wonderful growth throughout our province, and I am pleased to inform you that this city and its surrounding country has shared in this prosperity. Our fine and comfortable homes, our substantial business houses, and our busy factories, are all evidences of our prosperity. While we are proud of this, we are prouder still of our institutions of learning. Our public schools are all new and amongst the finest in the land, while the names of such other institutions as the Ontario School for the Deaf, Albert College, St. Agnes School and Ontario Business College, are household words all over this continent.

Every effort has been made for your comfort and entertainment, and we want you to feel perfectly at home while here.

Most Worshipful Sir and Members of this Grand Lodge I welcome you on behalf of the City Council and our citizens, and desire to extend to you the freedom of the City.

H. F. KETCHESON.

Mayor.

Dated at Belleville, Ontario,
this 18th day of July, 1917.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following reply:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge I thank you for this official welcome and the many courtesies received from the citizens of Belleville.

With some measure of pride, you have directed our attention to the growth and improved appearance of the city. They are obvious to those acquainted with the Belleville of by-gone days, and we rejoice with you in progress made toward the ways and manners of larger cities and hope it may continue, trusting, however, that you will not indiscriminately adopt all the ways of a large city, but only those that are innocent and beneficial. You have observed, Mr. Mayor, that remarkable development has taken place in this country during the last few years, and with that we concur. Hamlets have quickly grown to villages, villages have quickly risen to the dignity of towns, so that the expansion and improvement here is not an isolated case, but in keeping with the development over all the Dominion. In view of what has been accomplished in this connection, it is a satisfaction to recall the doubts and fears expressed fifty years ago, and by British statesmen, regarding the destiny of this people. At that time it was represented that in all probability, Canada would not be willing to continue a member of the Empire, and if she did decide to remain a part of it, the opinion was freely expressed that such course would not be in the best interest of this country. In view of our present status among the nations, and what has actually taken place, it was fortunate for Canada that her own statesmen of the time were blessed with keener foresight than their British compatriots, and if there be one regret it is that not one of those wise legislators are alive to witness the vision realized of a Dominion spread from ocean to ocean, dotted with villages, towns, cities and farms, supporting a vigorous people, and with soldiers standing side by side with those from every corner of the earth battling against powers that threaten world liberty.

Adverting to that part of your remarks regarding this fraternity, Mr. Mayor, let me say that the benefits accruing to the Masonry of Ontario through the influence of the old lodges here is fully recognized and appreciated by Grand Lodge. They also lead one's mind, R.W. Sir, to make com-

parison regarding permanent value to the holder of the dual honours borne by you as chief Magistrate of the city and D.D.G.M. of this district.

I am not informed as to the rule which obtains here in connection with the office of Mayor of the city, but speaking generally, it is one of short duration. When it expires, the title "Your Worship is revoked, reverting to plain Mr. Ketcheson, and regardless of the time and energy expended, the worry and trouble endured, the right of place and part in the deliberations of the Council Board is denied.

Not so with the other honour, R.W. Sir, while life shall last there remains the right to bear the rank and title, of place and speech in this Grand East and in constituent lodges; and although your public ministrations have doubtless been of benefit in bettering conditions for the people, yet they are not to be compared with the work in which you have been engaged as a leader in Masonry, wherein you have helped to mould and form the character of young men while their natures are in a receptive and plastic state. Nevertheless, I compliment the people of Belleville in selecting a good Mason, as Mayor, and I congratulate you, R.W. Sir, on being deemed worthy of these honours by the citizens and Masons of the city.

FIRST DAY.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock, a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Wardens and Members of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge, warranted lodges.....	455
Represented at this Communication by regular officers.....	249
Represented by Proxies.....	85
Represented by Past Masters.....	24
Total number represented.....	358
Total number of names registered.....	927
Having a total of 1,662 votes.	

Your Committee once more desires to make an emphatic pronouncement upon the prevalence of neglect, from various causes, of the lodge Secretaries in not returning all the Past Masters on the Roll, causing much annoyance and confusion to the Worshipful brethren attending the annual meeting as delegates.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, and

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 3, Ancient St. John's, Kingston. Bro. Iva E. Martin, S. W.; R. W. Bro. John Kinghorn, W. Bro. P. H. Burke, P.Ms.

No. 5, Sussex, Brockville. W. Bro. J. A. Gray, W.M.; R.W. Bros. Geo. K. Dewey, Thos. Dowell, V.W. Bro. E. A. MacKenzie, W. Bros. A. S. Knapp, J. A. Derbyshire, Victor de Carle, J. S. Copland, B. E. Eck, P.Ms.

No. 6, Barton, Hamilton. W. Bro. W. H. Davis, W.M. M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.Ms.

No. 7, Union, Grimsby. Bro. J. H. Gibson, S.W. & Proxy; R.W. Bros. W. J. Drope, C. Farrell, P.Ms.

No. 9, Union, Napanee. W. Bro. J. H. S. Derry, W.M. Bros. Walter A. Thompson, S.W.; Chas. W. DeMille, J.W.; R.W. Bros. W. S. Herrington, F. S. Wartman, V.W. Bro. W. J. Shannon, W. Bros. Herbert Daly, J. W. Robinson, J. H. H. Coleman, W. A. Grange, H. A. Wood, J. W. Thompson, E. J. Walters, J. G. Fennell, G. T. Walters, Alex. McGregor, F. H. Perry, W. F. Gerow, and G. S. Reid, P.Ms.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe. W. Bro. H. A. Johnston, W. M.

No. 11, Moira, Belleville. W. Bro. H. A. Morgan, W. M.; Bro. J. W. Barlow, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Cook, J.W.; R.W. Bros. John Newton, H. F. Ketcheson, A. McGinnis, S. S. Lazier, V.W. Bro. John McIntosh and W. Bros. W. C. Mikel, Geo. Dulmage, Chancey Ashley, A. E. MacColl, R. E. Colling, D. G. Bleecker and Rev. R. C. Blaggrave, P.Ms.

No. 14, True Britons, Perth. W. Bro. R. E. Hicks, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 15, St. George's, St. Catharines. W. Bro. H. T. Harper, W.M.

No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto. W. Bro. Wm. Lawrence, W.M.; R.W. Bros. H. T. Smith, W. C. Wilkinson, V.W. Bro. John Pearson, W. Bros. E. Y. Spurr, J. W. Rogers, J. A. Graham, P.Ms.

No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg. W. Bros. A. B. Roberts, P.M. and Proxy; J. K. Fraser, W. W. Hovey and C. H. Winter, P.Ms.

No. 18, Prince Edward, Picton. W. Bro. A. C. De Mille, W.M.; V.W. Bros. H. Mulholland, Delos Spafford, W. Bros. F. E. Leavitt, J. H. Colden, John Shaw and Rev. F. L. Barber, P.Ms.

No. 20, St. John's, London. W. Bro. Neil McGill, W. M.; R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, P.M.

No. 21a, St. John's, Vankleek Hill. V.W. Bro. S. N. Morrison, P.M. and Proxy; R.W. Bro. H. C. Jones, P.M.

No. 22, King Solomon's, Toronto. W. Bro. E. A. Dolson, W.M.; Bro. C. T. Hoare, J.W.; R.W. Bro. J. Tanner, W. Bros. W. Stinson, J. McL. Hartley and W. H. Roberts, P.Ms.

No. 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill. W. Bro. G. F. Allen, W. M.; Bro. L. E. Hand, S.W.; V.W. Bro. T. A. Lamon, W. Bro. T. H. French, P.Ms.

No. 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. C. W. Mc Bride, W.M.; R.W. Bro. G. T. Martin, V.W. Bro. G. W. Fluker and W. Bros. Robt. Hawkins and E. H. Wickware, P.Ms.

No. 25, **Ionic, Toronto.** V.W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, P. M. and Proxy; R.W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt and E. B. Brown, P.Ms.

No. 26, **Ontario, Port Hope.** Bro. F. H. Batty, S.W.

No. 27, **Strict Observance, Hamilton.** W. Bro. E. J. Leith, W.M.; R.W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, G. R. Lloyd and W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, P.Ms.

No. 28, **Mount Zion, Kemptville.** W. Bro. H. Bustard, W.M.; Bro. R. A. Patterson, J.W.; R.W. Bro. A. Langstaff and W. Bros. Rev. T. A. Smith and J. A. Sanders, P.Ms.

No. 29, **United, Brighton.** W. Bro. O. L. Morrow, W. M.; Bro. G. F. Little, J.W.; W. Bros. W. H. Russell, J. H. McMaster, G. Drewry, A. D. Bullock and E. W. Pickford, P.Ms.

No. 30, **Composite, Whitby.** W. Bro. E. M. Deverell, P.M. and Proxy; R.W. Bro. A. T. Lawlor, P.M.

No. 31, **Jerusalem, Bowmanville.** V.W. Bro. J. S. Moorcraft, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 37, **King Hiram, Ingersoll.** W. Bro. A. R. Burrows, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, P.M.

No. 38, **Trent, Trenton.** W. Bro. S. Cottrell, W.M.; R.W. Bros. R. H. Spencer, Rev. W. T. Wilkins, W. Bro. W. J. Potts, P.Ms.

No. 40, **St. John's, Hamilton.** R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 41, **St. George's, Kingsville.** W. Bro. James L. Baird, P.M. and Proxy; R.W. Bro. B. S. Sheldon, P.M.

No. 42, **St. George's, London.** W. Bro. L. A. Boss, W. M.; W. Bro. A. G. Stephens, P.M.

No. 43, **King Solomon's, Woodstock.** W. Bro. A. W. Massie, W.M.

No. 44, **St. Thomas, St. Thomas.** W. Bro. Angus Taylor, W.M.; R.W. Bro. F. W. Judd, P.M.

No. 45, **Brant, Brantford.** W. Bro. W. E. Lochead, W. M.; Bro. L. L. Miller, S.W.; R.W. Bro. F. Hanna and W. Bro. F. Calbeck, P.Ms.

No. 46, **Wellington, Chatham.** W. Bro. J. H. Sullivan, W.M.

No. 47, **Great Western, Windsor.** W. Bro. J. W. Adams, W.M.; Bro. Henry Maw, S.W.; Bro. A. J. McTavish, J.W.; R.W. Bro. W. N. Gatfield, V.W. Bro. V. Williamson and W. Bro. A. G. Stephens, P.Ms.

No. 48, Madoc, Madoc. W. Bro. Frank Smith, W.M.; Bro. Geo. West, S.W.; Bro. Ezra Smith, J.W.; R.W. Bro. C. H. Tumelty, V.W. Bro. A. H. Watson, W. Bros. W. E. Connor, W. J. Hill, S. Eagleson and C. J. Young, P.Ms.

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No. 55, Merrickville, Merrickville. W. Bro. T. J. Watchorn, W.M.; W. Bros. G. B. Magee and J. E. Angus, P.Ms.

No. 56, Victoria, Sarnia. W. Bro. J. F. Newton, W.M.

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No. 58, Doric, Ottawa. W. Bro. J. B. Spencer, W.M.; M.W. Bro. S. A. Luke, R.W. Bros. C. W. Jeffrey, J. C. Bartram and W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, P.Ms.

No. 61, Acacia, Hamilton. W. Bro. A. Lavis, W.M.; Bro. S. A. Wait, S.W.; R.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, W. Bros. S. A. Morgan and F. H. Yapp, P.Ms.

No. 62, St. Andrew's, Caledonia. R.W. Bro. Jas. McGregor, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 63, St. John's, Carleton Place. W. Bro. A. H. Edwards, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 64, Kilwinning, London. W. Bro. C. W. McGuire, W.M.; W. Bro. A. D. Hodgins, P.M.

No. 65, Rehoboam, Toronto. W. Bro. W. H. Stainton, W.M.; Bro. P. H. Jennings, S.W.; R.W. Bro. R. W. Clewlo, V.W. Bros. A. Park, Geo. H. Mitchell, W. Bros. J. O' Connor, D. D. Grierson, John McCurrah, F. G. Lee, Wm. Bain, J. W. Archibald, A. L. Gallow, T. S. Young, P.Ms.

No. 68, St. John's, Ingersoll. W. Bro. W. J. Peters, W.M.

No. 69, Stirling, Stirling. W. Bro. T. E. B. Yeats, W. M.; R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, W. Bros. W. D. Smith, John Shaw, W. C. Boardman, R. W. Meiklejohn, W. H. Reid, Geo. H. Rose and Roy O. Heath, P.Ms.

No. 72, Alma, Galt. W. Bro. James Ritchie, W. M.

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No. 444, Nitetis, Creemore. W. Bro. J. L. Marshall, P.M. and Proxy.

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No. 450, Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury. W. Bro. Alex. Hunter, W.M.; Bro. J. W. Holtby, J.W.; W. Bros. A. P. Rutherford, H. H. Kirby, P.Ms.

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No. 454, Corona, Burk's Falls. R.W. Bro. Jos. Hilliar, P.M.; V.W. Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M.

No. 455, Doric, Little Current. R.W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P.M. and Proxy.

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No. 468, Peel, Caledon East. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Purchase, W.M.

No. 469, Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie. W. Bro. Rich. Gillespie, W.M.

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No. 478, Milverton, Milverton. W. Bro. Geo. J. Caxon, W.M.

No. 480, Williamsburg, Williamsburg. W. Bro. H. M. Whitteker, W.M.

No. 481, Corinthian, Toronto. W. Bro. Garfield G. Hood, W.M.; Bro. Frank E. Ansell, S.W.

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No. 487, Penewobikong, Blind River. W. Bro. Robt. Gray, W.M.

No. 488, King Edward, Harrow. W. Bro. Walter Anderson, W.M.

No. 489, Osiris, Smith's Falls. W. Bro. L. A. Taggart, W.M.; R.W. Bro. W. L. Tait, P.M.

No. 490, Hiram, Markdale. W. Bro. John Caesar, W.M.

No. 491, Cardinal, Cardinal. W. Bro. W. T. Kingston, P.M. and Proxy; R.W. Bro. John A. Locke, P.M.

No. 493, St. Marys, St. Marys. W. Bro. J. G. Miller, W.M.; R.W. Bro. P. J. Coupland, P.M.

No. 494, Riverdale, Toronto. W. Bro. S. Hunt, W.M.; W. Bro. J. M. Malcolm, P.M.

No. 495, Electric, Hamilton. W. Bro. C. H. Hahnau, W.M.

No. 496, University, Toronto. W. Bro. W. J. McCallum W.M.; M.W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, V.W. Bro. A. G. Horwood, W. Bros. John B. Brennan, E. A. James, P.Ms.

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No. 500, Rose, Windsor. Bro. W. J. Beasley, S.W.

No. 501, Connaught, Mimico. W. Bro. J. W. Ruttan, W.M.; W. Bro. Geo. S. Brown, P.M.

No. 503, Inwood, Inwood. W. Bro. Geo. Graham, W.M.; W. Bro. J. Vance, P.M.

No. 504, Otter, Lombardy. W. Bro. Rev. R. P. D. Hurford, W.M.; W. Bro. Clark Nichols, P.M.

No. 505, Lynden, Lynden. W. Bro. W. S. Able, W.M.; W. Bro. J. K. Jones, P.M.

No. 506, Porcupine, Porcupine. W. Bro. Geo. Bannerman, W.M.; R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, P.M.

No. 508, Ozias, Brantford. W. Bros. Jos. Broadbent, P.M. and Proxy.

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No. 511, Connaught, W. Fort William. W. Bro. A. R. Mills, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 512, Malone, Sutton W. W. Bro. B. C. Fortune, W.M.

No. 513, Corinthian, Hamilton. W. Bro. P. E. Lumsden, W.M.; Bro. F. R. Martin, S.W.

No. 514, St. Alban's, Toronto. W. Bro. W. S. Milne, W.M.

No. 516, Enterprise, Beachburg. W. Bro. W. F. Macdonald, W.M.

No. 517, Hazeldean, Hazeldean. W. Bro. A. O. Logan, W.M.

No. 520, Coronati, Toronto. Bro. Chas. W. Gigg, S.W.

No. 521, Ontario, Windsor. R.W. Bro. W. J. Douglas, P.M. and Proxy; W. Bro. W. G. Wells, P.M.

No. 522, Mount Sinai, Toronto. W. Bro. John D. Bland, W.M.

No. 523, Royal Arthur, Peterborough. W. Bro. J. E. L. Goodwill, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Alex. Gibson, P.M.

No. 524, Mississauga, Port Credit. W. Bro. Chas Elliott, W.M.; Bro. W. G. Price, J.W.

No. 525, Temple, Toronto. W. Bro. Conrad Miller, W.M.; W. Bro. A. B. Rice, P.M.

No. 526, Ionic, Westboro'. W. Bro. F. A. Heney, W. M.; W. Bros. W. H. Cramm, Thos. Saunders, P.Ms.

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No. 529, Myra, Komoka. W. Bro. A. D. Graham, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 531, High Park, Toronto. W. Bro. Thos. R. Young W.M.; Bro. E. A. Blackhall, S.W.; W. Bros. T. S. Young, and E. J. Repath, P.Ms.

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No. 533, Shamrock, Toronto. R.W. Bro. H. C. Scully, P.M. and Proxy.

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No. 536, Algonquin, Copper Cliff. W. Bro. Jas. W. Rawlins, W.M.

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ADDRESS OF THE CRAFT IN BELLEVILLE TO THE GRAND MASTER.

The Worshipful Masters of the three Belleville lodges were introduced and presented to Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, P.D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, number thirteen and presented the following:

Address

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

In behalf of the members of the Moira, Belleville and Eureka Lodges, of the city of Belleville we beg to offer you our warmest fraternal greetings and to extend to you a most hearty welcome to our city, on this the sixty-second anniversary of Grand Lodge. This is the third time the craft in this city and district has been honoured and encouraged by the presence of such a distinguished gathering of Masons as we have here today, and we feel both proud and thankful, Most Worshipful Sir, to be so favoured.

We wish to congratulate you personally, Most Worshipful Sir, upon the high distinction which the craft in this Province of Ontario conferred upon you, in electing you to the most responsible and at the same time most honourable position in her gift and upon the undoubted success with which you have discharged the duties of your high office. You have with dignity and equity upheld the noble traditions of a long line of highly revered and illustrious Masons, whose gifts and qualities have added ever increasing lustre to the high repute and beneficent influence of the craft within and without your jurisdiction. We sincerely trust that you may long be spared to enjoy the love and esteem of all those who, by Masonic ties, are so warmly attached to you and to continue to contribute to our beloved fraternity the ripe fruits of your enriched knowledge and mature experience.

The heavy war-cloud, with its dreadful burden of bitterness and sorrow, still hangs gloomily over the world. The age-long forces of conquest and tyranny, with their historical associates of inhuman brutality and diabolical ingenuity, are locked in a last titanic conflict with the ever-expanding and irresistible activities of truth, honour, freedom, and democracy. In the great conflict Masonry, as we know it, is found, as indeed, to be consistent, it must ever be found, contributing a large and generous share to the stimulation of patriotic activities, the inspiration of high courage and noble purpose, the exaltation of worthy ideals, and the relief of distress at home and abroad.

And it is not too much to predict that every Mason in this jurisdiction will, at the beginning of the fourth year of war, renew within himself, and impress it upon his personal sphere of influence, the unchanging resolution never to hesitate or falter in the great world crusade for the vindication and re-establishment of truth, honour and virtue until Prussian lust for power has been forever discredited and the war-lords of barbarism, who would rule the world from a self-constituted place in the sun, forever dethroned.

To the sorrowing wives and mothers of Masons who have paid the highest price we extend our warmest sympathy, and we invoke for them the comfort and consolation of Him who is never far from any of us. We hope and trust that your visit among us here may be pleasant and profitable to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to every member of Grand Lodge; as well as helpful to the craft throughout the Province.

Signed, .

H. A. Morgan, W.M., Moira Lodge No. 11.

J. Albert Faulkner, M.D., W.M. The Belleville
Lodge No. 123.

J. Wilfred Holmes, W.M., Eureka Lodge No.
283.

The M.W. the Grand Master replied as follows:

R.W. Bro. Lazier and Worshipful Masters:

It is a pleasant duty devolving upon me to make reply to your kindly greeting this morning, and an acknowledgement of your efforts for our comfort, and the entertainment that has been showered upon us by the brethren of the city and district.

Let me say, Wor. Sirs, I have attended our annual sessions at many places in our jurisdiction, and not in one have the members striven more assiduously to make our visit one of pleasure than your members have at this the third annual assembly in your city. Apparently you have chosen for your motto that injunction of our installation ceremony, "to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others." That is one of the great purposes of Masonry; every facility is at hand, ready-made, for our learning this lesson. Everything possible has been put into the work and ceremony to make clear, and emphasize union in the bonds of friendship and fraternity, and to the extent of our endeavour will be the measure of our accomplishment, for:

"When we gladly eat our daily bread, we bless
The hand that feeds us;
And when we walk along life's way in Cheerful-
ness,
Our very heartbeats praise the love that leads us."

The office of Wor. Master of a lodge is not intended as an opportunity to exalt oneself, or in any way obtain material profit thereby; rather is it an opportunity to lead, to work for and serve others less advantageously situated. Therefore, as the Wor. Masters of the lodges of this city, the onus of this genuine success rests upon you, and I can only wish that your efforts may be properly directed, so that the stream of Masonry's influence may widen and deepen in this community from day to day.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the Minutes of Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Sixty-first Annual Communication held in the city of London, on the 19th and 20th days of July, A. D. 1916, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read, and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from M. W. Bros. Henry Robertson and J. M. Gibson, P.G.Ms.; R. W. Bros. W. J. Hill and Dugald Mc Bane, D.D.G.Ms.; and V. W. Bro. George H. Coe, G. D. of C.

A cordial invitation to the members of Grand Lodge was extended by the directors of the Belleville Club to accept the privileges of the Club during the session of Grand Lodge.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

At this opening session of the Sixty-second Annual Meeting, I extend to each a hearty fraternal greeting.

We are assembled today in a locality alike renowned in Canadian National and Masonic history. The land upon which the city stands was originally part of an Indian reserve and was surveyed and settled about 1785 by United Empire Loyalists,—those faithful subjects of the British Crown who, during the American revolution refused to fight against their Motherland, and who, when the war was over, refused to live under a foreign flag and be subject to what had become a foreign power.

In those days the settlement and stream nearby was called "Myers Creek," deriving its name from one of the first settlers, Capt. John Walden Myers, who built a grist mill here, and in 1794, what is claimed as the first brick house in Upper Canada. Later, the river was named Moira, in honour of the Earl of Moira—Marquis of Hastings, who had served during the war of the Revolution as Lord Rawdon, and who in 1790 was the Acting-Grand Master of the original Grand Lodge of England. In 1816 the place was made a "port of entry" and created a village under the name "Belleville."

By 1850 the village had risen to the dignity of a town and in 1877 was incorporated as a City.

Its position on the beautiful bay of Quinte with the excellent fruit-growing county of Prince Edward not too far distant to form an outlook pleasing to the eye, coupled with good transportation facilities by rail and water, make the locality a pleasant spot to visit, and I feel sure, a pleasant place to reside.

The first Masonic lodge in this territory was opened under dispensation dated September, 1801 and the warrant which followed was of 10th March, 1802, the lodge operating under the name and number on the first Provincial Register of Upper Canada as Thurlow No. 17.

Sometime between that date and the Kingston Convention meeting of February, 1819 (presumably in 1812 when the lodge room and contents were burned) a new warrant was procured and the name of the lodge changed to Belleville No. 17, which I assume has continued to work and is perpetuated in our Moira No. 11. There are also other lodges operating in this vicinity, viz., Union No. 9, Napanee. Prince Edward No. 18, of Picton, whose birthdays occurred in the earliest years of the Nineteenth Century, and which designates this territory as one of the oldest Masonic centres of our jurisdiction.

Many old names, names of the makers of the history of those days, national and Masonic, are still extant, represented by direct descendants, some of whom, in turn, are prominent in the work of Masonry, the life of the City, and Dominion.

In this connection we have a good example in R. W. Bro. Col. Lazier, who is still an enthusiastic member of all branches of Masonry, notwithstanding his years; R. Wor. Bro. Ketcheson, our D. D. G. M. in this 13th District, and Mayor of the City, is a direct descendant of a man who was the Junior Warden of the lodge here in 1821. Nor would the record be complete without mention of that veteran of the City and our Dominion life, Bro. Sir Mackenzie Bowell who, though ninety-four years of age, still attends to his duties as a Senator of the Dominion. On all these counts it has seemed to me proper that we should pay a tribute to the memory of those staunch men who rather than renounce allegiance to their Motherland, suffered confiscation of home and property, and bravely set out to establish another on British territory, although they realized it to be, comparatively, a land of forest, ice and snow, but under the impulse of patriotism:

*"They counted neither cost nor danger, spurned
Defections, treasons, spoils; but feared God,
Nor shamed of their allegiance to the King."*

The virtues ascribed by a writer just quoted, to the pioneer settlers of this country, may today, after three years of severest testing, be attributed to comparatively every individual subject in any part of the Empire. The world has never witnessed such true patriotism, courage, endurance, and the self-sacrifice that has been exhibited by our people since the commencement of the war. Our enemies (or at least those not so completely obsessed with their own importance that they cannot be taught anything) have learned that the British race has not, as they supposed, degenerated into a nation of tea-drinkers, but still:

*"If roused in war, shall dreadful move
Britannia's vengeance on her foes; to prove,
Where'er again her banners are unfurled,
The dread and envy of the wondering world."*

Eloquent and justified tributes have been paid by neutrals to our people for the part taken and accomplished in this present war. It has been frequently pointed out that as a commercial nation she was without arms and army at its commencement, yet she succeeded even before conscription was put into force, in gathering and transporting to the "battle fronts" an army greater in numbers than history had recorded,—established a system of war conduct in matters of soldiers' health, transportation and food supply unequalled even by Germany after she had spent forty years in special preparation for the day. Her achievement has been simply marvellous in this regard. In addition, she has financed all her Allies, and may we not claim, through the power of her navy, has fed all these nations with the exception, perhaps, of Russia; is now spending for war nearly thirty-eight millions per day, and while all others among the belligerent nations, except the American, have passed the highest point of their efficiency, and are now on the downward grade, she has not spent her wealth,

exhausted her food supply, nor possible strength in man power, nor in any way shown signs of war-weariness.

It must be evident to all that money power, coupled with control of the seas, will be the decisive factor in the victory yet to be won; and while it is true to say that the Allies, previous to the entry of the United States, had victory in sight, the outlook is today brighter and pleasanter to contemplate, because their influence and help in money and fighting men will materially shorten the conflict.

But there seems a far deeper significance attached to their entry on the side of the Allies. The alliance is said to be "for the duration of the war," but it will extend far beyond that time. It is my belief that long after German autocracy and her accursed militarism have been crushed—stamped out by the democratic nations of the earth—the alliance of the English-speaking people of the world will remain as a notable factor in international relationships. There has been a great change of sentiment towards Great Britain in the United States in recent years. The rancour of the revolution was intense and enduring. The war of 1812 added bitterness, and up to twenty-five years ago there was pronounced illfeeling against anything British. Now that has gone, and if one requests it, a cup of tea may be had even in Boston; and it is notable also that the very significant memorial of sympathy signed by representative citizens of the Union, which was presented soon after this war started, should have issued from that city in which the War of Independence originated. If this is the beginning of the end of all bitterness, it is indeed a manner of peculiar fitness; for it was a German king with a small character, and stupid, ruling in England, who started the row, and it is a German emperor with the same characteristics, who perhaps, and unwillingly, is ending it. It is time that the memory of old grievances between the two nations should be buried, never to be resuscitated. Our ideals of individual freedom and justice, and

of self-government won at Hastings and Runnymede are identical. Neither covets what the other has, and it would be a good thing for the world at large, a wonderful forward movement, if all the nations sharing the language of Shakespeare, Milton, Hampden, would hereafter stand shoulder to shoulder against crazy arrogance, and all bandits and tyrants of the world.

The Kaiser is obsessed by all these qualities, the first in particular, otherwise he would not, after having everywhere failed in his objective and been forced back on every front, written the arch traitor and perjurer of Greece "the mailed fist of Germany with further aid from Almighty God will restore you to your throne of which no man by right can rob you, the armies of Germany will wreak vengeance on those who have dared so insolently to lay their criminal hands on you." Shewing that he still faces separation and abandonment of the dream of world dominion and personal power that has for years past threatened the civilization of the whole world. With the results of three years' war in mind, it seems reasonable to suppose some glint of the truth would have reached his understanding, but not so with the Kaiser nor his people. The German ideal is still domination and aggressiveness, they are its soul, its purpose and mainstay. It exalts discipline, repression and order into a religion. It scoffs at the idea that common man has any rights or is fit for any capacity except material for the drill sergeant. But the idea that the populace of Germany have been deluded into making a bid for world power is a mistaken one. I think they are in favour of it. They fight because they believe the army invincible and that there will be loot and glory as in 1870. Among the officers no lie, no strategy, is too base, no brutality too cruel, even to their own men, if it helps to win the war. With the men, no atrocity, no disgusting act as committed in Belgium is too awful for those cultured brigands. They have been dirty fighters, razing house and church, hacking trees to their death in their retreats, so that the land they leave behind will be a wilderness. During the whole

period of the war, hardly one redeeming incident stands to the credit of the Teuton host. The tale is one of cowardice, treachery, robbery, murder, and bestiality unparalleled in history. But what of nemesis, now that they are losing—have already lost? Pity it is that the German nation hadn't a "Cromwell" to tear out the canker before it was too late. Nemesis will come, but unlikely in similar oppression and infliction as they have meted to others—town for town—eye for an eye—certainly not in wild shrieks of ill-treated women. That is an enterprise in which only barbarians engage, and the chivalry of Sir Walter Scott's tales has not died out in England or among her soldiers. The people of Great Britain still believe there is a "Divinity that shapes our end" and though anxious days are doubtless in the way of victory, when it comes, and peace terms have to be made, there need not be any fear but they will be just and clean so far as our people are concerned. In their obsession for world power and brutality, the German people have forgotten the fact, that, by a Divine law, consequence as a punishment inevitably follows crime and wrong-doing, whether individual or national. Individually for the great mass of people there will be hardship attached to a burden of taxation almost unbearable for years to come, and when the realization comes to them that there is but "One" who has world power, and that their educational system and their speculations have been all wrong, that true education is contained in the command, "Do unto others as ye would others should do unto you," the recollection of the murders and violations will bring torturing dreams against which there can be no protection and against which repentance cannot completely prevail. In that day—not far distant if one reads signs aright—the German people will not have further use for the Kaiser, and his lot will be among the many ex-rulers and ex-kings of which just now there are so many.

Nationally she will still have to live among neighbours. Will be an object of distrust and loathing with every civilized nation, will need treat-

ies and trade agreements—the greatest nations accept the assurances of the smallest and, vice versa.

What will a German's word, and Germany's national assurances, or official signature be worth? Will any be ready to accept their word of honour or the national signature to agreement,—trade or otherwise? I think not. There will be reform in national confidence, inventory made of national values after the war, unconsciously perhaps, but none the less real so far as Great Britain is concerned international relationships will be based upon and subject to that inventory of her sister nations.

To say that wealth and sea control are chief factors for making victory, is not to deny or minimize the magnificent work done by the armies in the field. Credit is due and must be awarded to them, particularly to the "contemptible little army" which helped to hold up the enemy in the early days of the war to the extent of five times their own number, a performance of which in future it will be said there has been nothing like it since the days of the Spartans.

Our soldiers, some of whom are our brethren, have won great and lasting glory on the battlefields. They have made for themselves and for Canada a record that will go down in history side by side with old and well-tried regiments of the British army. Courcellette, Givenchy, Ypres—it has been said "Canada and the heroism of her soldier sons will hereafter have a place beside Britain in the memorials of the sorely-tried Flemish city of Ypres—the key to Calais." And "Vimy Ridge!" The story has been most vividly told by Edward Cluff:

*"What shall we say of Vimy Hill,
How shall we tell its story?
Words that burn and hearts to thrill
Need to flame its glory;
Muscles taut and breathing pent
At the dawn's first lighting,
Sprang they up and over went
To win, or die a-fighting.*

*The foremost trenches quickly won,
And then, the summit facing,
They're up, and on again, and gone
To greater triumph racing.
Now, fair before, that vaunted hill,
Belched horrors to dismay them,
But nought could be impregnable,
Nor death nor hell could stay them.*

*With blood on fire—a living flame,
No foe could stand before them,
As up the hill they charging came,
With Britain's banner o'er them;
A glorious fight, Canadian's day!
And gallantly they fought it,
Red bayonet play, quick cleaved a way,
And Vimy, God! they've got it!"*

Their bravery on these occasions—the manner in which they have everywhere redeemed the pledge given at enlistment has surpassed expectation and brought to this country "Name, fame and glory" in this jubilee year of Confederation. The same cannot be said of those left behind. The promise made to the British War Office and no less to the men who have gone overseas, by the Premier of this Dominion, and at that time, supported by every race and class in Canada, that they should number a half-million comrades, be supported if necessary to the last fit man, and the last dollar the country can raise, is still unfulfilled. It is unfortunate for our men at the front, some of whom need a well earned rest from war, and also for the reputation of young and fit men, that have slacked under the excuse that there is no necessity; and for others hiding behind the subterfuge that when Confederation was agreed upon, a pledge was given that certain inhabitants were to be absolved from having to take part in any war conducted outside of the Dominion. In reply to the first class one can only say that the situation is still serious, demanding that vast armies of men be kept in the field and that Britain and her ally, France, have been denuded of men fit to keep the ranks up to full strength; and consequently Canada must

supply the requirement in this regard. For the second contention, there does not appear a particle of evidence in support of it. On the contrary, the very opposite has been proven by the record of a meeting in England in 1865, when Confederation was under discussion, particularly that part respecting defence, when the Fathers of Confederation, chief among whom was Sir George Cartier, pledged the people of Canada "to give their full quota according to their ability of men and money for the defence of the Empire;" therefore it cannot now be successfully argued that all parties to the compact were not aware or did not realize the character of the pledges the Act laid upon them.

Doubtless the hope engendered by the Confederation was that a federal union and the institutions necessary to carry it on would eventually break down provincialism and any tendency to isolation on the part of descendants of any particular race; perhaps the hope was indulged that at a distant future fusion of the races would result and finally succeed in binding the whole population of Canada regardless of language, race or religion into a unionized Canadian and British citizenship. It was not proposed nor expected that the people of any part, so bound to the whole, would become completely indifferent to the language of their forefathers; but it was expected of all, and to my thinking should be exacted alike from all, that when and wherever necessity compels, the men of this country shall take up arms to defend the Empire, all should and must be ready and willing to stand in her defence. But notwithstanding failure, because, if squarely faced, failure there has been as regards fusion of the races and unity of action toward the Empire, Confederation has been of wonderful benefit to the whole country, to no section of it more than to that part from which come loudest words and violent threats to break it up, conduct which in almost any other country except a part of the British Empire, would be deemed traitorous and fitting punishment meted out for the saying.

I do not claim either experience or foresight, but I feel sure there has been too much coaxing, giving in to whims, with one-sided favouring, and in the present issue it taxes one's faith in men to hear, or read, the maudlin argument put up against compulsory service. Surely there is embodied in our Federal law, and the power extended to our federal law makers, the right to call every man to bear his part in a crisis like the present. To the English-speaking mind—soldier and citizen, the question occurs: Why should one portion of the community fight for the safety of another, which, comparatively, refuses to fight for itself? Compulsory service should be enforced, fall where it may, so that our promise may be fulfilled and those who have been long on battlefields, or of whom the enemy has said "Canadians! Why, they never retreat or surrender," may have a well-earned rest, and we do our part in assisting to bring the war to an end.

In Memoriam.

*"Once more the scythe of death has swung:
Once more the fateful summons come:
And we have borne a brother home:
For him sad funeral bells have rung."*

This time for a Past Grand Master. M. W. Bro. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, after a lengthy illness, died at his home, "Rathnelly" in the City of Toronto, in December last. He was the son of the late Robert Warren Kerr, and was born near the city of Guelph on August 1st, 1841. His early school days were spent at Hamilton and Galt, later, moving to Toronto, he took up the study of law, and was called to the "Bar" in 1862, created a Q.C. in 1874, and elected a Bencher of the Law Society in 1879, and at the time of his death was the senior member of the law firm of Kerr, Davidson, Patterson & McFarland.

Our late brother was a man of exceptional energy and cosmopolitan endeavour; for, apart from his position as an acknowledged legal authority, he held many responsible positions in the com-

mercial and political world, being a director of several important industrial companies, and was Speaker of the Senate from January, 1909, until the dissolution of Parliament in 1911. He was equally prominent in Masonry. Upon the death in January, 1875 of M. W. Bro. Wilson, Grand Master, Bro. Kerr, as Deputy Grand Master, assumed the duties of Grand Master until the annual meeting, at London, in July, 1875, when he was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. Nor did Bro. Kerr confine his energies in Masonry to Craft work, for he was also an active 33rd of the Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada and rendered great service to the Templar Order of this country by visiting and securing from the Sov. Grand Priory of England, recognition and their consent to the establishment of a Sov. Grand Priory of Canada as an independent and Sov. body. For his interest in that connection he received from our late King Edward VII. the decoration of "Grand Commander of the Temple."

He was a man of dignified bearing that won recognition from every circle of society. Neither in nor out of the fraternity is it granted to many that they shall be leaders of the people in so many walks of life. The great majority must be content if they succeed in serving much smaller communities than a nation; content, if they but develop such qualities of manhood as will enable them to assist their immediate circle of society, and *that* attainment is within the grasp of all. To the relatives left behind I extend sincerest sympathy.

Grand Representatives.

Seven vacancies having occurred in our Representative list, I made the following nominations which have been accepted by the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions concerned.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

R. W. Bro. Donald Sutherland, Princeton, for the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Belleville, for the Grand Lodge of Texas.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Ross, Ottawa, for the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Day, Guelph, for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Stoneman, Ingersoll, for the Grand Lodge of Utah.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Malcolm, Stratford, for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On the recommendation of their Grand Masters the following have been commissioned to represent this Grand Lodge at their respective Grand Lodges: W. Bro. L. G. Moyers—Arizona; W. Bro. Chas. H. Magee—Philippine Islands.

Jurisdictional Courtesies.

I have pleasure in acknowledging favours received from the Grand Masters of Alberta, Quebec and Nova Scotia. On my part, permission was granted to Ancient St. Johns No. 3 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of British Columbia; Kilwinning No. 64 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of Illinois; Ashlar No. 247 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of District of Columbia; Algoma No. 469 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of Ohio; Dundurn No. 475 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of Nebraska; Prince Edward No. 18 to initiate, pass and raise for Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Financial.

Apart from additional revenue which increased per capita tax provided, the receipts on General Account this year exceed those of 1916 by \$3,899.44 chiefly from initiations and commutation of dues.

For the year ending 31st May, 1916, our revenue was.....	\$46,560.36
For the year ending 31st May, 1917, our revenue has been.....	65,799.72
Showing a gain for 1917 of.....	<u>\$19,239.36</u>

The expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1916 was.....	\$19,107.31
The expenditure for ordinary purposes in 1917 was.....	19,944.70

Showing an increase in this regard of..... 837.39

Receipts, general account.....	\$65,799.72
Debentures matured.....	12,524.72

Total receipts general fund..... \$78,324.44

Ordinary expenditure, general account.....	19,944.70
Grants for benevolence.....	31,510.00
Debentures purchased.....	15,133.83
Overdraft from 1916.....	7,400.37
Cash in bank, 31st May, 1917.....	4,335.54

\$78,324.44

Showing a balance of revenue over disbursement of..... \$11,735.91

Benevolence.

Expenditure for this purpose in 1916 was	\$36,070.00
Expenditure for this purpose in 1917 has been.....	36,485.00

An increase in our grants for the year of 415.00

There has been contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	\$ 184.00
There has been contributed to the Belgian Relief.....	86.95

\$ 270.95

Our assets on 31st May are of general fund.....	\$113,957.87
Of the Semi-Centennial.....	103,288.68

\$217,246.55

Membership Gain.

The membership 31st May, 1916 was..... 60,850
It stands now approximately at..... 63,500

Lodges.

We have on our register 449 warranted lodges—two under dispensation from 1916—Englehart Lodge, Englehart; Phoenix Lodge, Fonthill.

Dispensations have been granted by me for four new lodges:—Algonquin, located at Copper Cliff; Ulster, located at Toronto; Kitchener, located at Port McNicoll; Waterloo, located at Waterloo.

Warrants.

In compliance with the resolution last year, warrants have been issued to: Golden Beaver 528, Timmins; Myra 529, Komoka; Cochrane 530, Cochrane; High Park 531, Toronto; Canada 532, Toronto; Shamrock 533, Toronto.

Especial Communications.

Ten especial communications were held for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating lodge rooms:

Sept. 27, Myra 529, by R. W. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, D.D.G.M.

Sept. 13, High Park 531, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence, D.D.G.M.

Sept. 19, Shamrock 533, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 6, Canada 532, by R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, D.D.G.M.

Oct. 12, Golden Beaver 528, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, P.D.D.G.M.

Oct. 13, Cochrane 530, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, P.D.D.G.M.

Nov. 22, Xenophon 448, by R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Douglas, D.D.G.M.

May 3, Lansdowne 387, by R. W. Bro. W. L. Tait, D.D.G.M.

May 17, Moravian 431, by R. W. Bro. A. P. Johnston, D.D.G.M.

May 31, Rising Sun 85, by R. W. Bro. W. L. Tait, D.D.G.M.

Dispensations.

Dispensations to the number of 469 have been issued during the year; 199 were granted giving permission to confer degrees within "time limit" upon men who had enlisted for overseas service.

Many requests were refused, notably, and in every case to sanction calling meetings of lodges at less than seven days' notice. Other refusals concerned desire to deal with petitions of men not resident in the jurisdiction of the lodges making the request; and in two cases to hold memorial service. Although sympathy naturally goes out to lodges bereaved, yet I think it is questionable if they should be authorized, particularly when it is proposed to hold such service on week days, and when scant information is given regarding the nature of the service, and who is to officiate.

By-laws.

I have confirmed the by-laws of sixteen lodges and approved of amendments for one hundred and seventeen more during the year. A great many of the amendments consisted in changing initiation fee and yearly dues, necessitated by the increased per capita tax of Grand Lodge.

Questions Asked.

A member of one of our lodges moved to Jamaica and applied for affiliation with a lodge there. The member in Jamaica to whom the petition was presented instructed him that demit from the lodge here would be necessary. Accordingly, though reluctantly, he applied for and obtained it. On presentation of the demit to the Jamaica lodge

it was not taken up and he was informed that it was not necessary. Wishing to retain unbroken Masonic connection here if possible, and the lodge supporting his desire, I counselled that if they placed on their summons for a regular meeting this notice "to reclaim unused demit issued to" followed by name and date, and if vote thereon resulted unanimously, membership would be regarded as continuous.

A member directed that upon death his remains be cremated, and that the funeral be of Masonic character. His mother lodge asked for instructions as to compliance. My reply was, that because the circumstance was unusual, I did not understand that the wish of the dead should be disregarded, and advised them to carry out his wishes.

May a man unable to read or write, or at best unable to do more than make and distinguish the characters which form his own name, be made a Mason? My answer was, "No." Technically there is not demand in our constitution that an applicant shall be able to read, but I am of opinion that it is imperative that applicants to Masonry be able to read and interpret for themselves the rules and regulations with which they are expected to conform.

Complying with the recommendation in the case of Doric No. 316 versus J. H. Anderson, fully set out in the Report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee for 1916, I appointed R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown, E. J. B. Duncan, and Geo. H. Smith a Commission to conduct a new trial and make report thereon. The result of their findings was submitted and on Dec. 7, 1916, and under clause 53, I suspended the said J. H. Anderson from all the rights and privileges of Masonry until this annual meeting. And further, I now recommend that the said J. H. Anderson be expelled from the craft for the offence of which he has been found guilty.

The question was asked: "Is it compulsory upon lodges where a Central Masonic Bureau has been established to become members thereof? My

reply was: Yes; Clause 199a confers the privilege to form a Central Masonic Bureau in any locality where a majority of the lodges consent, and such majority consent becomes binding on the entire number of lodges having concurrent jurisdiction in the territory. In the case of the city of Toronto, where such Central Bureau was in partial operation before the above clause was added to the constitution, I ruled that consent of the lodges would be considered legal only when they are given under resolution passed and signed by Wor. Master and Secretary with an impression of the lodge seal, after notice of motion had been given in the proper way.

I am pleased to report that a legal Central Masonic Bureau is now in full operation in Toronto having been accepted by more than a majority of the lodges there.

Lodge 522.

In the month of January charges were preferred before me against the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, claiming that he did, viz., in the month of September, commit unmasonic offence during his official term as Wor. Master, by opening the lodge before the time appointed in the by-laws of the lodge, and designated on the summons calling the meeting; that he did wilfully fail to notify and admit to the lodge, members waiting in the ante-room, thus violating Sec. 192a, which commands that "when the order of balloting is reached the W. M. shall direct the Junior Warden to notify members in the ante-room to enter the lodge." Also, that he did at the regular meeting in December, 1916, and after receiving an immediate and personal protest from one, order two brethren to retire from the lodge. The motive in all of the above being to prevent them from balloting for candidates. And further, that he did assist in circulating a petition, and conspired with others by threats to cause the resignation of two brethren. Later in January, counter charges for unmasonic conduct were received by me from the I.P.M. above referred to, against the two brethren, setting out

that one had violated the secrecy of the ballot, and that the other had boasted that the two, acting in conjunction, would wreck the lodge.

These charges having been legally preferred, and deeming the trouble of sufficient importance, to warrant an investigation, I appointed a Commission composed of R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown, E. J. B. Duncan, Geo. H. Smith, the first-named to be chairman of the said commission, giving them authority to investigate as in a Masonic trial, and to report their findings with any recommendations they might desire to make.

The Commission completed the work and have made report; submitting therewith testimony of witnesses examined covering almost four hundred pages of foolscap sheets, requiring a great deal of time and patience to secure and transcribe, and in your name I thank them for their diligence, and the thorough manner in which they performed the duty assigned to them.

As regards the I.P.M. the report verifies the charges above enumerated.

The counter charge, re wrecking the lodge, was not proven. Respecting the other, it was proven that the brother charged had stated how he intended to vote. In consequence, under rule No. 3 of section 1 respecting "Masonic Offences" and clause 174 of the Constitution, this counter charge was verified by the evidence taken at the trial.

The investigation reveals, and the report comments upon, irregularities of procedure respecting applications for membership in the lodge. Many were not signed by those recommending. By common consent an arrangement, both unmasonic and unbusinesslike, has been adopted, whereby the names of two Past Masters were used generally by the Secretary of the lodge in reporting applications, whether they were actual recommenders or not.

The report also comments upon what is esteemed a defect in Clause 188, contending, that, as the clause now reads, the signatures of the parties

recommending, though implied, are not specifically demanded therefor; consequently, the words "and signed" should be added after the word "recommended" in the fourth line.

Respecting this recommendation, I am not in sympathy. In my judgment clause 188 is quite clear on the point that the signatures of the recommenders are necessary to complete the application for presentation to the lodge by the Secretary, and the application form which must be used by every lodge, having two lines or spaces for that purpose, emphasizes the demand.

In the final recommendation—regarding punishment—the report stated that, notwithstanding these misdemeanors, the I.P.M. had the support and approval of a very great majority of the membership; and that in their opinion the course he pursued, and the offences which he had committed during his official term, were, in his judgment, in the best interests of the lodge. They, therefore, recommended that the Immediate Past Master be reprimanded in open session of the lodge by the Grand Master or his appointed representative; and at the same time the two brethren charged and the membership as a whole receive from the same authority admonition regarding individual conduct and Masonic law, in particular respecting petitions for membership.

Having read the evidence I concur in the findings and the punishment recommended as fitting when all the circumstances are considered. I also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to notify the lodge that the provision of the constitution regarding applications must be strictly observed. As the report of the Commission was not received by me until the present month, and the lodge having "called off" for holiday season, I must perforce leave imposition of the punishment in the hands of my successor in office.

Appointments.

In October last R. W. Bro. James, D.D.G.M., No. 22 District enlisted for overseas service, and

suggested that I appoint someone to supervise the work in his absence. Accordingly I requested R. W. Bro. McAulay to take up the work, which he accepted and has carried on since R. W. Bro. James left the district.

At our last session I suggested that the Grand Historian deliver an address or read a paper at this session on the "Revival of Masonry in 1717." Most Wor. Bro. J. Ross Robertson wrote that through press of business he would be unable to take it up. Not wishing the two hundredth anniversary of that event to pass unnoticed, I requested M. W. Bro. Freed to perform the duty for us, and he has accepted and will be heard this afternoon in regard thereto.

Musical Committee.

On the 6th Oct. request was made for the re-appointment of the Musical Committee instrumental in securing consent of Grand Lodge to the publication and sale to constituent lodges of a Musical Ritual. I acquiesced, and report the following as members:—M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Chairman; M. W. Bro. Goggin, M. W. Bro. Malone, R. W. Bro. Wardrope, R. W. Bro. May, R. W. Bro. Gunn, V. W. Bro. Hutchins, V. W. Bro. Mitchell, V. W. Bro. Carnahan, Bro. Litster, Bro. Jones.

The Committee met on the 7th of February and decided to purchase 2,000 copies at a cost of about \$488. I have no further information regarding progress in this work; perhaps we shall have report from the Chairman during the session. The Masonic Choirs of Toronto gave a very fine concert in April of this year. I was unable to be present, but I understand the affair was a great success, and the brethren rewarded by a crowded house of listeners.

Charge to Newly Initiated.

In accordance with the resolution to revise this charge, I appointed M. W. Bros. Malone and Freed

and R. W. Bro. Drope to draft a revision. The Committee submitted an alteration which makes the charge read as follows:—

Charge to the Newly Initiated Candidate.

“As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the country which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection, ever remembering that as a Mason you are expected to live and act in such a manner as to fulfil the duties of a good citizen and thereby set an example for others to emulate.”

I recommend that this change be accepted as constituting the second paragraph of the charge to the newly initiated candidate.

Grand Secretary's Office.

Two matters in connection with that office need attention—to provide space in the vault for card index cases, and to secure the services of a capable clerk as assistant to R. W. Bro. Gunn. The vault as now arranged is not suitable for the accommodation of the card index, but could be made so at no great expense. We have spent considerable time and money in this connection, which, if a fire occurred, would be a complete loss, and I suggest that arrangement be made so that it may be kept in the vault. The work of the office has been handicapped this year through the sickness of Bro. Pedler. He has not been at the office since August last, and is at present in a sanatorium from which it is improbable he will be removed during life. Therefore it is necessary that the services of another clerk be secured without delay. I think that the method followed in hiring assistants for that office has not been satisfactory nor businesslike—parsimony and sympathy it would appear having played too large a part. Aside from Miss Place, R. W. Bro. Gunn has not a competent assistant

who gives all his time to the work—Bro. Mason spending part of his in military work. Now, when opportunity has come to make a change, I think a young capable man, willing to give all his time should be secured for that office. I suggest that Bro. Pedler's salary cease with this month of July, and if it is necessary that the family be assisted and his name be placed in the Benevolent list of Grand Lodge.

I would also suggest that a committee consisting of M. W. Bros. Malone and Macwatt, R. W. Bros. Gunn, Geo. H. Smith and J. A. Macfadden be appointed to deal with these matters, and any others of similar nature that may develop in connection with the Grand Secretary's office.

Visitations.

In this regard the line of conduct determined upon when elected, and followed last year, has been lived this year in so many visits that complete enumeration and report of the proceedings at each would prove tedious reading to those not present and touched with the spirit of the occasion. All meetings were attended by large numbers and alive with true fraternal spirit—the deepest interest being manifested and although my efforts were weak in ability, they were strong in purpose to aid development of fraternal intercourse among the brethren. In speaking of my visits, therefore, I shall mention those only attended by unusual circumstances.

On 17th of October I attended the Jubilee meeting of Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph. The meeting was presided over by the W. Master T. E. Cotton. Wor. Bro. D. Young related a short history of the lodge and of Masonry in Guelph, which dates back to 25th March, 1849.

R. W. Bro. Wardrope, D.G.M., unveiled the Roll of Honour and in his eloquent way paid a tribute to the people of Guelph among whom he had lived for many years.

St. John's Lodge No. 75, Toronto, celebrated their Diamond Jubilee on December 4th, over which W. Bro. Daniels presided in a very able manner. I had the pleasure of making a presentation to Bro. Thompson a member of the lodge and of their sick committee for twenty-five consecutive years, a record unequalled, I would think.

April 12th I attended the 70th Anniversary of King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto, on the invitation of the W. Master E. A. Dolson, supplemented by one from R. W. Bro. John Tanner.

This lodge has the wonderful record of never having failed to meet at appointed regular meetings for the 70 years of its life; a memorial in which, and justly, they have pride. Their kindness and attention on the occasion in question was very much appreciated by me.

In addition to Jubilee and Anniversary meetings there were others of more than usual interest.

Lodge of Instruction at Ingersoll in the 6th District. What was practically a combined meeting of Temiskaming, New Liskeard and Silver, of Cobalt. A combined meeting of the three Kingston lodges. Attendance at St. John's and Acacia of Hamilton, St. Andrews No. 16, Toronto, at which Bro. Sir Sam Hughes, a member of 34 years' standing, replied to the toast of "The Empire" and its accomplishment during this war. Reception by Ashlar 247, Toronto, March 27th, and by the lodges of Ottawa February 14th; and on February 23rd when M. W. Bro. Thos. Penney, Grand Master, and seven of the officers of Grand Lodge of New York paid a fraternal visit to Zetland Lodge, Toronto, I had the honour of an invitation, with the privilege of presiding over the proceedings in the lodge room, and tendering to those distinguished guests an official welcome from the Masonry of Ontario. During the evening, profitably spent, M. W. Bro. Penney extended an invitation to attend their annual session at New York. The invitation was accepted, and in company with M. W. Bro. McPherson and Bro. Justice Riddell, I

attended their meeting, which opened on the first day of May. It was a most interesting occasion—an inspiring sight to look into the faces of perhaps 2,000 members assembled in an auditorium of the Masonic temple, and I felt especially privileged in being permitted to hear the greeting and compliment exchanged between native and visitor. Comparatively speaking, the afternoon was given over to receptions and responses of visitors, led by Ex-President Roosevelt and Bro. Riddell and followed by the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Masters' dinner, held at the Waldorf-Astoria in the evening, was a most sane affair, and one of the best it has been my privilege to attend. The speakers selected by M. W. Bro. Penney and the sentiment uttered by them was of a very high order, and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to that grand jurisdiction.

Conclusion.

As the reports will show, we have made substantial increase in membership and gained financially. Our progress, however, is not completely covered by these, for in addition Masonry in this province is more and more winning its way to the hearts of men who are not prejudiced by false reasoning and sectarian bigotry. Barring the case cited as No. 522, brought about by the inexperience and lack of Masonic knowledge on the part of those involved, and for whom I invoke lenient criticism, we have passed a year of unusual harmony; comparatively few complaints relating to the action of subordinate lodges have come up for adjustment. The lodges generally are in strong healthy condition; in many cases having a greater number applying for membership than they would choose if the matter, in this sense, were one of choice. During the round of my visiting I have listened to a great many addresses, the staple of each being the war; and because in this province thoughts on that subject are in unison, there was a great deal of repetition; nevertheless world-wide information was brought forward through those

addresses. We have become better posted in world geography since the war began, differing national ideals have passed in review, and comparison made as to the virtue of each, and the worthiness of the best; consequently, out of these addresses more or less resembling one another, there has come to the craft information of value. Occasionally a speaker oversteps the mark by advocating that as a body—an influential body of men—we should take active part on public questions; and that, it will be conceded, is ill-advised counsel. In this day of organization—unions, associations and guilds—surely we may leave such field to them and continue holding to the well-tried principle that the office of Masonry, as a body, is not to the field of public questions, nor to the multitude of men, but to the few whom it endeavours to educate in the fundamental principles of right living and so impress those principles upon their minds that their conduct will render individual action and influence of greater value to society than any collective endeavour; which, aside from constitutional prohibition, would, I am persuaded, prove a failure and disastrous to this old Institution.

It is said to be a truth—a valuable truth—that man learns his lesson oftener through his emotions than through reason. From naked, plain truth men indifferently turn away to search in myth and symbol for that which was clearly exposed and explained from the beginning. If these are facts, the wonderful success of Masonry as a teacher of a science which in purpose and scope embraces everything which makes up the sum total of man's striving in this life—morally, socially, politically and industrially, is due to the form, sign and symbol by which it conveys its lessons, and in my judgment, there is no system, no place, nothing proclaimed from platform, stage or pulpit, which excels in practical value to men these lessons of the lodge room. For example, the preparation and initiation ceremony. The whole is a protest, a warning to avoid haughtiness, conceit, ostentation, and ambition for power, place or wealth; and whether suited to the occasion by habit and inclination or

not, each for the time being is made to assume the humble part, that the lesson may be more forcibly impressed, and sink into the mind. It is a valuable lesson to learn—that before God's Providence we are equal and that worth of intellect, integrity of character, and altruism are virtues that count before noble birth or princely fortune. It is a good thing that there is one place where we are taught and made to feel by all the surroundings, the symbols, the very atmosphere breathed, our true place in nature, and our real rank among our fellows. If it had no other quality to recommend it, the fact that Masonry teaches this lesson of humility and brotherhood, alike to King and mechanic, educated and uneducated, who over all the world enter its doors, ought to commend it to society generally, as a public blessing. The preservation of this order comparatively in its original form through all the changes of the past should be an indication of our duty, not to heed clamour for change; but to be satisfied to go on in the old way, keeping before our minds the hope of Masonic teaching that eventually all things carried on in opposition to the fraternity of the race must in God's good time crumble up before the ever-widening bond of brotherhood.

Having occupied this position for two years, the power you entrusted to me will in a few hours pass to my successor in office. From the moment of installation I resolved to give to the responsibility and work of the office my best service, and the record is before you for judgment. There are no words of parting to be uttered; I hope and expect to meet with you as long as life is spared and strength permits; therefore all that remains is to express the great pleasure I have experienced in meeting brethren from every part of the province; and my appreciation of the uniform kindness shown towards me during these last two years.

Fraternally submitted,

S. A. LUKE,

Grand Master.

Belleville, July 18, 1917.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, that the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. D. F. Macwatt, A. T. Freed and J. H. Burritt.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's reports as follows:—

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1917.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.

Receipts from Grand Secretary	
from lodges.....	\$60,736 57
Interest from Investments.....	4,945 04
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	118 11

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Brockville.....	\$ 466 61
Berlin.....	816 57
St. Thomas.....	1,241 54
Landed Banking & Loan Co.	10,000 00
	<u>12,524 72</u>
	\$78,324 44

To balance due Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1916.....	\$ 6,868 71
Outstanding cheques.....	531 66
	<u>7,400 37</u>
	<u><u>\$70,924 07</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

General charges.....	\$19,944 70
Benevolent orders.....	31,510 00
Purchase of Dominion of Canada	
War Bonds.....	10,133 83
Renewal, Landed Banking & Loan Co. Deb.....	5,000 00
	<u>\$66,588 53</u>
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1917.....	\$ 5,452 70
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,117 16
	<u>4,335 54</u>
	<u><u>\$70,924 07</u></u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.

Toronto, June 30th, 1917.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1916			
June	1—Grand Master, account expenses.....	\$	200 00
	27—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses		300 00
	Grand Secretary, salary to 30th June.....		750 00
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th June.....		50 00
	Auditor's salary to 30th June.....		75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th June.....		66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....		91 66
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June		83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....		60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June.....		55 00
	Interest on Bank overdraft.....		28 00
	30—W. E. Stone, binding returns.....		7 50
	R. Raw & Co., printing account.....		28 20
	Eastern Passenger Association account.....		6 00
July	5—Times Printing Company, account to 1st June		487 50
	17—Grand Lodge account expenses, 1916.....	1,200	00
	26—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation		250 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st July.....		66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....		91 66
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....		83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....		60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July.....		55 00
	A. T. Freed, Foreign Correspondence.....	250	00
	W. H. Wardrope, postage.....	15	00
	G. S. May, postage.....	15	00
	J. A. Macfadden, postage	15	00
	Masonic Hall Association, rent Grand Secretary's office to 1st July.....	250	00
Aug.	4—Grand Secretary's account, incidentals.....	200	00
	Copp, Clark Co., account to July 17th.....	294	32
	James Cheyne, repairing regalia boxes.....	12	35
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th Sept.	15	85
	T. W. Lester, insurance.....	25	27
	Hugh Murray, insurance.....	25	27
	E. G. Payne, insurance.....	25	27
	Grand Secretary, expenses of Masonic Bureau Committee.....	27	80
	Robert Duncan Co., account to July 3rd.....	20	40
	Robert Raw Co., account to August 1st.....	31	85
	25—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st August.....	66	66

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Aug.	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August	91 68
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August	83 34
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August	55 00
Sept.	9—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250 00
	N. J. McCubbin	26 45
	London Printing & L. Co., account	201 20
	26—Grand Secretary, salary to 30th Sept.	750 00
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th Sept	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 30th September	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th September	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September	91 67
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September	55 00
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September	83 33
	Robert Raw & Co., account to date	17 35
	T. W. Hand & Co., account 13th September ..	25 00
	Times Printing Co., account to Sept. 1st.	181 65
	Interest on Bank overdraft	2 25
Oct.	7—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation ..	250 00
	31—Interest on Bank overdraft	28 75
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st October	66 66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October	91 67
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October	83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October	55 00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st October	250 00
Nov.	1—Copp Clark Co., account to Aug. 29th	503 88
	Robert Duncan Co., account to 2nd Oct.	7 35
	Bell Telephone Co., account to Dec. 1st	15 55
	John S. Gordon, account to October 1st	17 50
	Mrs. Aubrey White, purchase of regalia	150 00
	24—Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November	91 66

1916	
Nov.	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November..... 60 00 Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November..... 55 00 Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November..... 83 84 Interest on Bank overdraft..... 24 33
Dec.	6—J. B. Nixon account Benevolent Investigation 250 00 Grand Master, account expenses..... 500 00 Grand Master's stenographer..... 100 00 18—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December.... 50 00 Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December.... 750 00 Auditor's salary to 31st December..... 75 00 Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st December..... 66 67 Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December..... 91 66 Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December..... 83 33 Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December..... 60 00 Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December..... 55 00 H. T. Smith, expenses re Com'n re Doric and Anderson Lodges..... 10 00 Thos. Lees account repairing regalia 3 75 Robert Duncan Co., account to Dec. 1st..... 40 90 Hamilton Paper Box Co. account..... 15 00 Robert Raw Co., account to December 12th.. 16 85 Grand Secretary, postage on Proceedings.... 172 15 30—Grand Secretary, account incidentals..... 200 00 Interest on Bank overdraft..... 21 51
1917	
Jan.	9—Masonic Hall Association, rent Grand Secretary's office to 1st January..... 250 00 26—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January..... 66 67 Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January..... 91 67 Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January..... 83 33 Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January..... 60 00 Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January..... 55 00 Interest on Bank overdraft..... 1 83
Feb.	6—Times Printing Company, account printing to January 15th..... 1,508 14 Simmons & Company, account to January 6th 25 00 R. Raw & Company, account printing to January 15th..... 15 25 Copp Clark & Company, account to January 20th..... 1,023 71

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Feb.	6—Bell Telephone Company, account to 31st March.....	15 00
	R. Duncan & Company, account to Jan. 2nd	5 00
14—	J. B. Hutchins, expenses Musical Ritual.....	20 00
	Grand Secretary, account Musical Ritual.....	14 35
20—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February.....	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	91 67
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	83 34
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February.....	55 00
Mar.	20—Robert Raw Company, account to March 13	204 25
	A. M. Cunningham, account to 8th March	23 50
	Times Printing Company, account to Feb. 1st	45 50
	R. Duncan Company, account to March 1st	18 65
27—	Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March.....	50 00
	Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March.....	750 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st March.....	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary 31st March.....	91 67
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March.....	55 00
April	2—Grand Secretary's account, incidental expenses.....	200 00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st April	250 00
26—	Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of safe box to April 6th.....	40 00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th April.....	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	91 67
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	83 33
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	60 00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April.....	55 00
	Bell Telephone Company, account to June 30	14 75
	Times Printing Company, account	852 63
	Robert Duncan Company, account.....	17 25
May	15—Grand Master, account expenses to 31-5-17...	500 00

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May	26—Grand Secretary, expenses to Belleville.....	37	20
	Robert Raw Co., account to 1st May.....	15	75
	Robert Duncan Co., account to 1st May.....	6	95
	Times Printing Co., account to 15th May.....	35	50
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st May.....	66	66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	91	66
	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	83	34
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	60	00
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May.....	55	00
		\$19,944	70
	Benevolent Orders.....	31,510	00
	Purchase of Debentures and War Loan during year.....	15,133	83
	Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	\$5,452	70
	Less outstanding cheques.....	1,117	16
		4,335	54
		\$70,924	07

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1917, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk, of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited—certified to as being correct,

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.

June 30th, 1917.

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1917.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5	5.30	\$ 5347 13	\$ 5500 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan	5	5.33	4786 70	5000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	5	5	5000 00	5000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	5	5	11000 00	11000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	1801 08	1757 67
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	5523 08	5523 08
Brampton, Town of.....	6	6	1964 26	1964 26
Brandon, City of.....	5	4½	10399 00	10000 00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅝	2116 04	2000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8173 60	8000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4½	2504 64	2674 19
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4⅝	2783 83	2929 12
Hamilton, City of.....	4	4¾	2777 70	3000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509 80	500 00
New Westminster, City of....	5	4.80	5125 50	5000 00
New Westminster, City of....	5	4¾	5208 50	5000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1613 60	1509 58
Peterborough, Town of.....	4½	4½	5121 37	5121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1009 31	1000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 1-16	12026 07	12148 50
St. Thomas, City of.....	5	4½	4258 95	4109 62
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅝	980 95	1000 00
Strathcona City of.....	4½	4¾	4842 00	5018 28
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4484 14	4866 66
			\$109723 42	\$109622 33

Balance on deposit, Canadian Bank of

Commerce, May 31st, 1917.....\$ 5452 70

Cheques outstanding, May 31st, 1917.....1117 16

\$ 4335 54

\$113957 87

Verified,

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1916-1917

PAYMENTS BY GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE, GENERAL FUND

June, 1916

27 Mrs. E. R.....	\$30 00
Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
Mrs. M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H.....	18 75

July

Bro. H. C. F. C.....	150 00
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August

10 Mrs. J. V.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. H.....	50 00
Mrs. H. J. H.....	50 00
Miss C. P.....	25 00
Miss U. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. B. Q.....	25 00
Mrs. A. S.....	30 00
Bro. N. B. C.....	75 00
Mrs. G. G.....	30 00
Bro. A. G.....	30 00
Mrs. R. W.....	50 00
Bro. T. K.....	50 00
Bro. H. K. M.....	50 00
Mrs. G. P.....	40 00
Mrs. E. R. S.....	20 00
Mrs. A. E.....	50 00
Mrs. R. A. K.....	40 00
Mrs. R. T. P.....	50 00
Mrs. T. H. W.....	40 00
Mrs. A. T.....	20 00
Bro. D. F.....	30 00
Mrs. C. W. S.....	50 00
Bro. J. W.....	30 00
Bro. J. D. L.....	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. G. W.....	50 00
Miss F. C.....	30 00
Bro. J. C.....	75 00
Miss J. D.....	30 00
Mrs. J. R. G.....	25 00
Mrs. J. F. H.....	25 00
Mrs. J. J.....	50 00
Mrs. R. M. K.....	25 00
Mrs. J. A. M.....	15 00
Mrs. T. E. McD.....	25 00
Mrs. J. M.....	15 00
Mrs. A. M.....	40 00
Mrs. H. G. V.....	40 00
Mrs. W. H. H.....	15 00

Mrs. A. H.....	30 00
Bro. T. H. L.....	25 00
Bro. P. L.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. McB.....	30 00
Mrs. T. McC.....	20 00
Bro. J. B. S.....	50 00
Bro. W. J. H.....	30 00
Mrs. A. H. M.....	25 00
Mrs. C. W. M.....	30 00
Mrs. J. M.....	20 00
Bro. A. E. B.....	30 00
Bro. E. H. B.....	75 00
Bro. W. H. P.....	50 00
Mrs. M. J. T.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. E. C. L.....	40 00
Mrs. T. E.....	30 00
Mrs. H. G.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H.....	10 00
Mrs. H. L. K.....	30 00
Mrs. A. P.....	30 00
Mrs. J. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
Mrs. J. B.....	30 00
Bro. C. B.....	50 00
Mrs. T. McL L.....	40 00
Mrs. W. R. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. W. C.....	20 00
Mrs. J. J. H.....	75 00
Mrs. W. H. H.....	30 00
Mrs. A. J.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. P.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. T. B.....	15 00
Mrs. W. H. W.....	30 00
Bro. W. J. E.....	50 00
Mrs. J. E.....	30 00
Miss O. G.....	30 00
Miss H. H.....	20 00
Mrs. W. B.....	20 00
Bro. C. O. E.....	50 00
Mrs. W. H.....	50 00
Mrs. R. W. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. T.....	25 00
Bro. T. W.....	50 00
Mrs. D. B.....	30 00

August

Mrs. R. J. C.....	40 00
Mrs. A. D.....	40 00
Miss E. M. K.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W. M.....	20 00
Mrs. W. F.....	40 00
Mrs. A. H.....	15 00
Mrs. W. M. H.....	20 00
Mrs. W. S.....	30 00
Mrs. H. F. W.....	30 00
Mrs. A. C.....	50 00
Mrs. F. A. G.....	50 00
Mrs. J. L. R.....	50 00
Mrs. T. B.....	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.....	75 00
Mrs. W. D. J.....	20 00
Mrs. W. P. K.....	20 00
Bro. W. S. L.....	75 00
Mrs. J. McK.....	30 00
Mrs. W. McM.....	30 00
Bro. H. S. S.....	75 00
Mrs. J. W. T.....	30 00
Mrs. C. W. M.....	10 00
Mrs. T. S. S.....	20 00
Mrs. W. B.....	30 00
Mrs. H. C.....	30 00
Bro. W. H. I.....	50 00
Mrs. G. W. N.....	25 00
Mrs. E. L.....	30 00
Mrs. W. E. J.....	50 00
Mrs. C. McL.....	40 00
Miss L. McL.....	25 00
Miss B. McL.....	25 00
Mrs. H. L.....	30 00
Miss A. B.....	20 00
Mrs. H. H.....	25 00
Mrs. D. McK.....	25 00
Miss E. R.....	30 00
Mrs. W. H. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. S.....	30 00
Mrs. R. A. W.....	30 00
Mrs. L. Y.....	30 00
Mrs. T. A.....	30 00
Mrs. E. F.....	50 00
Mrs. H. F.....	30 00
Mrs. H. H.....	30 00
Bro. W. J. K.....	75 00
Bro. J. J. K.....	50 00
Mrs. R. J. L.....	30 00
Mrs. F. S. B.....	40 00
Bro. A. E. B.....	75 00
Mrs. T. G.....	50 00
Bro. A. M. H.....	75 00
Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
Bro. F. R.....	75 00
Mrs. T. G. T.....	30 00
Mrs. D. H. W.....	25 00

August

Bro. R. J. H.....	50 00
Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
Mrs. A. R. P.....	40 00
Mrs. J. T. G.....	30 00
Mrs. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. S. G. S.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B.....	30 00
Mrs. D. B.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W. B.....	30 00
Mrs. A. W.....	25 00
Mrs. S. W.....	30 00
Bro. F. J.....	50 00
Mrs. A. A.....	30 00
Mrs. R. A. M.....	40 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S.....	25 00
Mrs. G. McP.....	25 00
Mrs. G. H. B.....	40 00
Mrs. W. H. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. R. W.....	30 00
Mrs. H. T. LeB.....	40 00
Mrs. O. J. A.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	30 00
Mrs. F. D.....	40 00
Mrs. J. S. G.....	20 00
Mrs. R. A. K.....	40 00
Mrs. G. B. L.....	30 00
Mrs. T. McK.....	50 00
Mrs. W. P.....	30 00
Bro. J. S.....	75 00
Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. G. McL.....	30 00
Bro. N. B. M.....	75 00
Mrs. F. W. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. F. L.....	30 00
Mrs. A. V. F.....	40 00
Mrs. T. C.....	30 00
Bro. J. P.....	75 00
Mrs. W. E. H.....	20 00
Mrs. F. A. R.....	50 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.....	40 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. T. W.....	30 00
Mrs. S. B.....	20 00
Mrs. W. R. B.....	30 00
Bro. H. E. C.....	50 00
Mrs. W. C.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F. S.....	50 00
Mrs. J. R. T.....	30 00
Mrs. G. E. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.....	30 00
Mrs. M. G. R.....	75 00
Mrs. J. A. B.....	30 00
Mrs. F. M. B.....	40 00
Mrs. H. H.....	30 00

August

Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
Mrs. J. S.....	30 00
Mrs. R. B.....	40 00
Mrs. W. T. W.....	40 00
Mrs. A. C.....	40 00
Bro. G. R. S.....	50 00
Bro. S. A. B.....	75 00
Miss A. C.....	50 00
Mrs. F. C. F.....	40 00
Mrs. A. A. C.....	50 00
Mrs. G. C. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. M.....	50 00
Mrs. W. F.....	50 00
Mrs. R. A. D.....	40 00
Mrs. C. H. H.....	30 00
Mrs. C. H.....	40 00
Mrs. J. S. B.....	20 00
Mrs. G. F. H.....	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. C.....	25 00
Mrs. D. L.....	25 00
Mrs. T. H. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. W.....	10 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. H. E.....	25 00
Miss S. W.....	40 00
Mrs. F. S.....	30 00
Bro. R. R.....	75 00
Bro. S. A. M.....	50 00
Mrs. E. W.....	30 00
Miss B. W.....	30 00
Mrs. W. B. U.....	30 00
Mrs. C. A.....	20 00
Mrs. A. A. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. D. I.....	30 00
Mrs. F. R.....	30 00
Mrs. A. R. V.....	25 00
Mrs. W. R.....	50 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. W. K.....	30 00
Mrs. W. J. C.....	50 00
Bro. M. E. S.....	75 00
Mrs. J. B.....	30 00
Mrs. J. E. H.....	40 00
Mrs. C. C.....	25 00
Bro. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. R. T. A.....	75 00
Mrs. T. H. C.....	25 00
Bro. J. K.....	75 00
Mrs. J. McG.....	30 00
Bro. F. R.....	30 00
Bro. J. W.....	30 00
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Bro. H. G.....	50 00
Bro. H. C. P.....	50 00

August

Mrs. J. E.....	20 00
Mrs. T. G.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F. R.....	40 00
Mrs. W. R. A.....	15 00
Mrs. A. C. C.....	20 00
Mrs. J. L. C.....	30 00
Mrs. M. M.....	25 00
Mrs. C. H. C.....	20 00
Mrs. G. O. F.....	50 00
Mrs. W. G.....	30 00
Mrs. G. G.....	30 00
Mrs. W. E. K.....	20 00
Mrs. I. P.....	20 00
Mrs. S. T.....	30 00
Mrs. E. C. A.....	25 00
Mrs. P. F.....	30 00
Mrs. C. L. W.....	50 00
Mrs. R. W. L.....	30 00
Mrs. W. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
Mrs. C. E. D.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W.....	50 00
Mrs. A. R. S.....	25 00
Mrs. J. T.....	30 00
Mrs. G. R.....	40 00
Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
Mrs. G. A. T.....	25 00
Mrs. M. G. W.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. T.....	30 00
Mrs. G. W. V.....	40 00
Mrs. J. W. M.....	30 00
Mrs. J. E. A.....	30 00
Mrs. T. G. B.....	50 00
Miss L. B. for Mrs. C. B.....	10 00
Mrs. G. S.....	40 00
Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
Miss M. L.....	30 00
Mrs. E. L. M.....	50 00
Miss R. R.....	30 00
Bro. D. C.....	75 00
Mrs. N. M. C.....	40 00
Bro. G. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. B. R.....	30 00
Mrs. S. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. W. S. S.....	25 00
Bro. R. A.....	50 00
Bro. L. C. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
Miss H. S.....	30 00
Bro. H. F.....	75 00
Mrs. T. H.....	25 00
Mrs. T. D. P.....	30 00

August

Mrs. E. G.	30 00
Miss A. V.	20 00
Bro. O. C. D.	50 00
Mrs. C. C. C.	25 00
Mrs. J. C.	25 00
Mrs. G. A. S.	40 00
Bro. J. McL.	50 00
Mrs. R. L. S.	50 00
Bro. R. L. G. for Mrs. W. R. S.	30 00
Bro. H. T.	50 00
Bro. A. P. L.	25 00
Bro. D. A.	50 00
Bro. C. D. W.	75 00
Mrs. H. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. F.	30 00
Mrs. W. W.	50 00
Mrs. A. S.	20 00
Mrs. J. G.	30 00
Mrs. A. K.	30 00
Mrs. W. H. L.	75 00
Mrs. E. A. L.	50 00
Bro. H. D.	75 00
Bro. W. B.	75 00
Mrs. J. Z.	30 00
Mrs. S. W.	30 00
Bro. W. S. A.	30 00
Mrs. D. McN	30 00
Mrs. F. P.	30 00
Mrs. R. H. W.	30 00
Mrs. R. C.	20 00
Bro. J. W.	50 00
Bro. J. C.	50 00
Mrs. F. E.	50 00
Mrs. W. D.	25 00
Mrs. R. S. M.	30 00
Mrs. R. T. H.	25 00
Mrs. G. W. A.	40 00
Bro. D. B.	50 00
Mrs. R. V.	40 00
Mrs. T. C. L.	40 00
Mrs. E. D.	40 00
Mrs. J. F. V.	30 00
Mrs. J. F. S.	25 00
Bro. C. S. S.	75 00
Mrs. A. H.	30 00
Mrs. H. R.	35 00
Mrs. E. F.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. A. E. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. D. H. C.	30 00
Mrs. R. G. R.	20 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. A. A. M.	40 00
Bro. J. A.	25 00

August

Bro. J. McN.	50 00
Bro. J. B.	75 00
Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.	50 00
Mrs. J. H. W.	40 00
Bro. G. W.	50 00
Bro. H. H.	30 00
Bro. C. A. F. C.	40 00
Mrs. J. C.	40 00
Bro. D. T.	40 00
Mrs. J. W. B.	25 00
Mrs. R. R. M.	25 00
Mrs. S. H. W.	40 00
Bro. J. M.	50 00
Bro. G. P.	25 00
Mrs. J. P.	30 00
Mrs. G. S.	30 00
Mrs. H. R. S.	30 00
Bro. J. C.	50 00
Bro. S. C. D.	75 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	50 00
Bro. S. G.	75 00
Mrs. A. C.	30 00
Mrs. A. F. C.	50 00
Mrs. G. T. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. K. A.	50 00
Bro. H. A.	50 00
Bro. T. M.	50 00
Bro. J. N.	50 00
Bro. G. W. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. B.	50 00
Mrs. H. P.	50 00
Mrs. S. S.	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.	50 00
Bro. T. P.	50 00
Mrs. W. B.	50 00
Mrs. W. C.	25 00
Mrs. A. C.	50 00
Mrs. A. S.	30 00
Mrs. T. H. McK.	40 00
Mrs. A. S. R.	30 00
Mrs. J. A. R.	30 00
Bro. F. M.	75 00
Bro. J. B.	30 00
Bro. J. A. M.	50 00
Mrs. J. W. G.	50 00
Bro. W. M.	50 00
Mrs. A. B.	50 00

September

26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
Cheque payable to order Miss J. T., Bro. R. L. G. for Miss M. W.	
Miss M. H. H.	18 75

December

6 Mrs. J. W.	50 00
Mrs. T. W.	50 00
11 Mrs. C. H. J.	50 00
13 Mrs. L.	50 00
Mrs. C. W.	30 00
21 Miss M. W.	75 00
Miss H. H. H.	18 75
28 Miss H. M.	50 00

January, 1917

4 Mrs. O. H. T.	50 00
26 Bro. J. L.	50 00
Bro. T. R. W.	50 00

February

8 Miss L. A.	50 00
Bro. W. F. P.	50 00
Mrs. F. A. C.	50 00
Bro. E. O.	50 03
19 Mrs. J. V.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. H.	50 00
Mrs. H. J. H.	50 00
Miss C. P.	25 00
Miss U. P.	5 00
Mrs. J. R. Q.	25 00
Mrs. A. S.	30 00
Bro. N. B. C.	75 00
Bro. G. G.	30 00
Mrs. R. W.	50 00
Bro. T. K.	50 00
Mrs. G. P.	40 00
Mrs. E. S.	20 00
Mrs. A. E.	50 00
Mrs. R. A. K.	40 00
Mrs. R. T. P.	50 00
Mrs. T. H. W.	40 00
Mrs. A. T.	20 00
Bro. D. F.	30 00
Mrs. C. W. S. S.	50 00
Bro. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. J. D. L.	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.	50 00
Bro. G. W.	50 00
Miss F. C.	30 00
Bro. W. J. A. et al for J. C.	75 00
Miss J. D.	30 00
Mrs. J. R. G.	25 00
Mrs. J. M. H.	25 00
Mrs. J. J.	50 00
Mrs. R. M. K.	25 00
Mrs. J. A. M.	15 00
Mrs. T. E. McD.	25 00
Mrs. J. M.	15 00
Mrs. A. M.	40 00
Mrs. H. G. V.	40 00
Mrs. W. H. H.	15 00

February

Mrs. A. H.	30 00
Bro. T. H. L.	25 00
Bro. P. L.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. McB.	30 00
Bro. W. J. H.	30 00
Mrs. A. H. H.	25 00
Mrs. C. W. M.	30 00
Mrs. J. H.	20 00
Bro. A. E. B.	30 00
Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
Bro. W. H. P.	50 00
Miss M. T.	50 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. E. C. L.	40 00
Mrs. T. E.	30 00
Mrs. H. G.	30 00
Mrs. J. H.	10 00
Mrs. H. F. K.	30 00
Mrs. A. P.	30 00
Mrs. J. P.	25 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. J. A.	50 00
Mrs. J. B.	30 00
Bro. C. B.	50 00
Mrs. T. McL.	40 00
Mrs. W. R. B.	25 00
Mrs. J. W. C.	20 00
Bro. J. J. H.	75 00
Mrs. W. H. H.	30 00
Mrs. A. J.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. P.	20 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. T. B.	15 00
Mrs. W. H. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. E.	50 00
Mrs. J. E.	30 00
Mrs. O. G.	30 00
Miss H. H. H.	20 00
Mrs. W. B.	20 00
Mrs. W. H.	50 00
Mrs. R. W. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. T.	25 00
Mrs. D. B.	30 00
Mrs. R. J. C.	40 00
Mrs. A. D.	40 00
Miss M. M. K.	20 00
Mrs. J. W. M.	20 00
Mrs. W. F.	40 00
Mrs. A. H.	15 00
Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
Mrs. W. S.	30 00
Mrs. H. F. W.	30 00
Mrs. A. C.	50 00
Mrs. F. A. G.	50 00
Mrs. J. L. R.	50 00

February

Mrs. T. B.	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.	75 00
Mrs. W. D. J.	20 00
Mrs. W. P. K.	20 00
Bro. W. S. L.	75 00
Mrs. J. McK.	30 00
Mrs. W. McM.	30 00
Mrs. J. W. T.	30 00
Mrs. C. W. M.	10 00
Mrs. T. S. S.	20 00
Mrs. W. B.	30 00
Mrs. H. C.	30 00
Bro. W. H. I.	50 00
Mrs. G. N.	25 00
Mrs. E. L.	30 00
Mrs. W. E. J.	50 00
Mrs. C. McL.	40 00
Mrs. L. McL.	25 00
Mrs. B. McL.	25 00
Miss A. B.	20 00
Mrs. H. H.	25 00
Mrs. D. McK.	25 00
Miss E. R.	30 00
Mrs. W. H. S.	30 00
Mrs. G. S.	30 00
Mrs. R. A. W.	30 00
Mrs. L. Y.	30 00
Mrs. T. A.	30 00
Mrs. E. F.	50 00
Mrs. H. F.	30 00
Mrs. H. H.	30 00
Bro. W. J. K.	75 00
Mrs. R. J. L.	30 00
Mrs. F. S. B.	40 00
Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
Mrs. T. G.	50 00
Mrs. J. H.	30 00
Bro. F. R.	75 00
Mrs. T. C. T.	30 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	25 00
Bro. R. J. H.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. R. P.	40 00
Mrs. J. T. G.	30 00
Mrs. W. P.	30 00
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Mrs. D. B.	30 00
Mrs. J. W. B.	20 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	30 00
Mrs. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. S. W.	30 00
Bro. F. J.	50 00
Mrs. A. A.	30 00
Mrs. R. A. M.	40 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S.	25 00

February

Mrs. G. A. McP.	25 00
Mrs. G. H. B.	40 00
Mrs. W. H. M.	50 00
Mrs. J. R. W.	30 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	30 00
Mrs. F. D.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. G.	20 00
Mrs. R. K.	40 00
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Mrs. J. H.	25 00
Bro. G. H. McI.	30 00
Bro. N. B. M.	75 00
Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
Mrs. W. F. L.	30 00
Mrs. A. V. F.	40 00
Mrs. T. C.	30 00
Mrs. J. P.	75 00
Mrs. W. E. H.	20 00
Mrs. F. A. R.	50 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.	40 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. T. W.	30 00
Mrs. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. W. R. B.	30 00
Bro. H. E. C.	50 00
Mrs. W. C.	30 00
Mrs. C. F. S.	50 00
Mrs. J. H. T.	30 00
Mrs. G. H. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. J. M.	30 00
Mrs. M. C. R.	75 00
Mrs. J. A. B.	30 00
Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. W.	40 00
Mrs. A. C.	40 00
Bro. G. R. S.	50 00
Miss A. C.	50 00
Mrs. F. C. F.	40 00
Mrs. A. A. C.	50 00
Mrs. G. O. W.	50 00
Mrs. J. M.	50 00
Mrs. W. F.	50 00
Mrs. H. A. D.	40 00
Mrs. C. H. H.	30 00
Mrs. C. H.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. G. F. H.	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.	30 00

February

Mrs. W. B. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. C.....	25 00
Mrs. D. L.....	25 00
Mrs. D. H. S.....	40 00
Mrs. W. W.....	10 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00
Mrs. H. E.....	25 00
Mrs. S. L. J. W.....	40 00
Mrs. F. S.....	30 00
Bro. R. R.....	75 00
Bro. S. A. M.....	50 00
Mrs. E. W.....	30 00
Miss B. W.....	30 00
Miss W. B. U.....	30 00
Mrs. C. A. A.....	20 00
Mrs. A. A. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. D. I.....	30 00
Mrs. F. R.....	30 00
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Mrs. C. C.....	25 00
Bro. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. R. T. A.....	75 00
Mrs. T. H. C.....	25 00
Bro. J. K.....	75 00
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Mrs. H. G.....	50 00
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Bro. C. P. R.....	40 00
Mrs. W. R. A.....	15 00
Mrs. A. C. C.....	20 00
Mrs. J. L. C.....	30 00
Mrs. M. M.....	25 00
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Mrs. G. G.....	30 00
Mrs. W. H. K.....	20 00
Mrs. I. P.....	20 00
Mrs. S. T.....	30 00
Mrs. E. G. A.....	25 00
Mrs. P. F.....	30 00
Bro. C. L. W.....	50 00
Mrs. R. W. L.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
Mrs. J. E. R.....	75 00
Mrs. C. E. D.....	50 00
Mrs. A. E. S.....	25 00
Mrs. J. T.....	30 00

February

Mrs. G. R.....	40 00
Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
Mrs. G. A. T.....	25 00
Mrs. M. C. W.....	30 00
Mrs. C. F.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. T.....	30 00
Mrs. J. W. M.....	30 00
Mrs. J. M. A.....	30 00
Mrs. T. G. B.....	50 00
Miss L. B. for Mrs. C. B.....	10 00
Mrs. G. S.....	40 00
Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
Mrs. M. L.....	30 00
Mrs. E. C. M.....	50 00
Miss R. R.....	30 00
Bro. D. C.....	75 00
Mrs. H. H. C.....	40 00
Bro. G. W. P.....	30 00
Mrs. B. R.....	30 00
Mrs. S. J. H.....	25 00
Mrs. W. S. S.....	25 00
Bro. R. A.....	50 00
Orphans of L. C. B.....	25 00
Mrs. J. C. A.....	50 00
Miss H. S.....	30 00
Bro. H. F.....	75 00
Mrs. T. H.....	25 00
Mrs. T. D. P.....	30 00
Mrs. E. G.....	30 00
Miss V.....	20 00
Bro. O. C. D.....	50 00
Mrs. C. C. C.....	25 00
Mrs. J. C.....	25 00
Mrs. G. A. S.....	40 00
Mrs. R. L. S.....	50 00
Mrs. W. R. S.....	30 00
Bro. H. T.....	50 00
Bro. D. A.....	50 00
Bro. C. D. W.....	75 00
Mrs. H. H.....	30 00
Mrs. J. F.....	30 00
Mrs. A. S.....	20 00
Mrs. J. G.....	30 00
Mrs. A. K.....	30 00
Bro. W. H. L.....	75 00
Mrs. E. A. L.....	50 00
Bro. H. D.....	75 00
Bro. W. B.....	75 00
Mrs. J. Z.....	30 00
Mrs. S. W.....	30 00
Mrs. W. D. A.....	30 00
Mrs. D. McN.....	30 00
Mrs. F. P.....	30 00
Mrs. R. H. W.....	30 00
Mrs. R. C.....	20 00

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Bro. J. K. W.....	50 00
Bro. J. C.....	50 00
Mrs. F. E.....	50 00
Mrs. W. D.....	25 00
Mrs. R. S. M.....	30 00
Mrs. R. T. H.....	25 00
Mrs. G. W. A.....	40 00
Bro. D. B.....	50 00
Mrs. R. V.....	40 00
Mrs. T. C. L.....	40 00
Mrs. J. P. V.....	30 00
Mrs. J. F. S.....	25 00
Bro. C. C. S.....	75 00
Mrs. A. H.....	30 00
Mrs. H. R.....	35 00
Mrs. W. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. A. E. H.....	30 00
Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
Mrs. D. M. C.....	30 00
Mrs. R. C. R.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
Mrs. A. M.....	40 00
Bro. J. McN.....	50 00
Bro. J. B.....	75 00
Mrs. J. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. W.....	40 00
Bro. G. W.....	50 00
Bro. H. H.....	30 00
Bro. C. A. T. C.....	40 00
Mrs. J. C.....	40 00
Bro. D. T.....	40 00
Mrs. R. R. M.....	25 00
Mrs. S. N. W.....	40 00
Mrs. J. M.....	50 00
Bro. G. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. P.....	30 00
Mrs. G. S.....	30 00
Mrs. H. N. S.....	30 00
Bro. J. C.....	50 00
Bro. S. C. D.....	75 00
Mrs. J. H. B.....	50 00
Bro. S. G.....	75 00
Mrs. A. C.....	30 00

February

Mrs. A. F. C.....	50 00
Mrs. G. T. W.....	50 00
Mrs. J. K. A.....	50 00
Bro. H. A.....	50 00
Bro. T. M.....	50 00
Bro. J. N.....	50 00
Bro. G. W. S.....	50 00
Mrs. W. B.....	50 00
Mrs. S. S.....	30 00
Mrs. G. H. L.....	50 00
Bro. T. P.....	50 00
Mrs. W. B.....	50 00
Mrs. W. C.....	25 00
Mrs. A. C.....	50 00
Mrs. T. H. McK.....	40 00
Mrs. F. M.....	75 00
Bro. J. B.....	30 00
Bro. J. A. M.....	50 00
Mrs. A. B.....	50 00
22 Bro. T. R.....	50 00
Bro. A. H. R.....	50 00

March

10 Mrs. E. F.....	30 00
27 Miss M. W.....	75 00
Miss M. H. H.....	18 75
Mrs. J. D. L.....	50 00

April

5 Bro. S. R.....	50 00
Bro. C. J.....	50 00
Bro. T. C.....	50 00
Bro. F. A. B.....	50 00
Bro. J. D. S. C.....	50 00
18 Mrs. A. G.....	30 00
19 Miss I. N.....	50 00
Mrs. S. S. McC.....	50 00

May

9 Bro. E. H. C.....	50 00
12 Mrs. D. C.....	50 00
26 Bro. H. K.....	50 00
Bro. W. H.....	50 00
Bro. R. H. S.....	50 00

\$31,510 00

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures
of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

To balance at the credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1916.....	\$ 767 16	
Less outstanding cheques.....	545 00	
		\$ 222 16
Amount received from Grand Secretary during year ending 31st May, 1917, from Lodges.....	\$ 184 00	
Interest on Investments.....	4,841 99	
Interest on Bank deposits.....	36 51	
Berlin Debenture instalments.....	724 79	
Berlin Debenture instalments.....	62 25	
		5,849 54
		<u>\$6,071 70</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of Canada War Bond.....	\$680 54	
Purchase of Canada War Bond.....	96 00	
		\$ 776 54
Benevolent Orders.....	4,975 00	
		5,751 54
Balance in Bank.....	\$805 16	
Less outstanding cheques (May).....	485 00	
		320 16
		<u>\$6,071 70</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1917.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5	5.30	\$ 5183 00	\$ 5200 00
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5	5.30	680 54	700 00
Dom. of Canada, War loan.....	5	5.33	96 00	100 00
Toronto General Trusts Corp....	5	5	5000 00	5000 00
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of	5	4½	1082 85	1040 40
Berlin, City of	5	4¾	4256 87	4205 15
Berlin, City of	5	4½	3088 38	3000 00
Brampton, Town of.....	6	6	1841 49	1841 49
Brandon, City of	5	4½	4170 00	4000 00
Calgary, City of	4½	4½	3980 00	4000 00
Durham, Town of	5	5½	1439 71	1528 43
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1695 60	2000 00
Ingersoll, Town of	4	5	891 60	1000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4¾	1019 60	1000 00
North Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2880 60	3000 00
Oakville, Town of	5	4¾	4971 42	4787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4316 40	4316 40
Owen Sound, Town of.....	4½	5	940 10	1000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	4¼	2200 80	2000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	5.20	1950 60	2000 00
Peterborough, Town of.....	3	4	1693 20	2000 00
Peterborough, Town of.....	4	5	907 90	1000 00
Peterborough, City of	4¾	4½	1905 50	1850 00
Peterborough, City of	4½	4½	3854 72	3854 72
St. Catharines, City of.....	4	4¼	5141 74	5319 96
St. Marys, Town of	4½	4.80	8658 63	9000 00
Saltfleet, Township of	5	4¾	4119 22	4000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1862 64	1800 00
Seaforth, Town of.....	5	4¾	4105 56	4000 00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4¾	1015 90	1000 00
Strathroy, Town of	5	5¾	1459 73	1546 54
Tilbury East, Township of	6	5½	779 83	766 68
Walkerville, Town of.....	4½	4¾	3516 34	3581 16
Walkerville, Town of	4½	5¼	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of	4	4½	3867 97	4083 89
Windsor, City of	5	6	2430 70	2796 65
Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4240 00	4000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Assoc- iation Stock		6	100 00	100 00
			101945 02	102968 52
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1917			\$ 805 16	
Less outstanding Cheques			485 00	
			\$ 320 16	
				<u>\$103288 68</u>

Verified

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1916-1917

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE, SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

June, 1916

27 Mrs. F. E. \$50 00

July

26 Bro. H. C. E. C. 50 00

September

29 Bro. H. E. 50 00

Mrs. G. D. N. 50 00

October

7 Miss H. W. 50 00

20 Miss F. A. F. 50 00

Bro. J. A. C. 50 00

26 Mrs. S. S. McC. 50 00

November

2 Miss L. A. 50 00

Mrs. P. G. M. 50 00

14 Bro. G. P. 50 00

20 Bro. S. W. H. 50 00

Bro. T. W. 50 00

27 Mrs. J. D. C. 40 00

December

15 Bro. T. K. 25 00

Mrs. T. H. W. 10 00

Mrs. J. J. M. 25 00

Mrs. T. E. McD. 10 00

Mrs. C. W. M. 20 00

Bro. E. H. D. 50 00

Mrs. E. C. L. 20 00

Mrs. J. A. 25 00

Mrs. J. W. 10 00

Mrs. T. McC. L. 25 00

Mrs. W. J. S. 25 00

Mrs. J. H. 25 00

Mrs. F. A. C. 25 00

Bro. J. A. C. 75 00

Mrs. T. B. 10 00

Miss E. M. K. 10 00

Mrs. R. J. C. 20 00

Mrs. W. F. 20 00

Mrs. H. C. 10 00

Mrs. E. L. 20 00

Mrs. G. S. 10 00

Bro. W. J. K. 50 00

Bro. A. E. B. 40 00

Mrs. T. G. 25 00

Bro. R. J. H. 25 00

Mrs. A. R. P. 20 00

Mrs. W. H. H. 25 00

Mrs. T. McK. 25 00

December

Mrs. A. H. F. 10 00

Mrs. Ed. F. 10 00

Mrs. C. F. H. S. 10 00

Bro. H. G. R. 25 00

Bro. H. N. C. 25 00

Mrs. C. H. S. 25 00

Mrs. G. E. W. 25 00

Mrs. W. T. W. 10 00

Mrs. A. C. 25 00

Mrs. C. McL. 20 00

Miss Lucy McL. 10 00

Miss B. McL. 10 00

Miss J. D. 20 00

Bro. S. A. D. 25 00

Bro. W. J. C. 25 00

Mrs. J. E. H. 20 00

Bro. H. C. P. 25 00

Mrs. J. E. R. 75 00

Mrs. S. C. H. 25 00

Bro. R. A. 25 00

Bro. O. C. D. 25 00

Bro. D. A. 25 00

Bro. W. H. L. 50 00

Mrs. R. C. 20 00

Mrs. F. E. 25 00

Mrs. W. D. 10 00

Mrs. D. B. 25 00

Mrs. D. H. C. 30 00

Mrs. A. A. M. 10 00

Mrs. J. B. 75 00

Mrs. J. W. W. 20 00

Mrs. J. H. H. 25 00

Bro. S. G. 50 00

Mrs. A. F. C. 25 00

Mrs. W. B. 25 00

Mrs. A. T. R. 20 00

Bro. F. M. 50 00

Bro. J. A. M. 25 00

Mrs. A. C. 20 00

Mrs. W. F. 20 00

Bro. J. K. 50 00

Bro. F. R. 25 00

Mrs. L. C. B. 25 00

Mrs. H. W. 50 00

Bro. J. W. 25 00

Bro. A. E. B. 10 00

Bro. W. S. L. 20 00

Mrs. J. McM. 10 00

December

Bro. H. S. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. W. T	10 00
Mrs. H. H.	10 00
Mrs. D. N. W.	10 00
Mrs. J. T. G.	10 00
Mrs. W. B.	10 00
Mrs. G. McP	25 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	10 00
Mrs. F. R.	10 00
Bro. J. W.	25 00
Bro. J. A.	25 00
Bro. G. P.	25 00
Mrs. J. K. A.	25 00
Bro. J. W.	20 00
Bro. C. S.	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.	25 00
Mrs. S. S. McC	25 00
Bro. G. P.	25 00

May, 1917

3 Bro. T. K.	25 00
Mrs. T. H. W.	10 00
Mrs. J. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. T. E. Mc	10 00
Mrs. C. W. M.	20 00
Mrs. E. C. L.	20 00
Bro. E. H. B.	50 00
Mrs. J. A.	25 00
Mrs. J. W.	10 00
Mrs. T. McC. L.	25 00
Mrs. C. J. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. F. A. G.	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.	75 00
Mrs. T. B.	10 00
Miss E. M. K.	10 00
Mrs. R. A. C.	20 00
Mrs. W. F.	20 00
Mrs. H. C.	10 00
Mrs. H. L.	20 00
Mrs. G. S.	10 00
Bro. W. J. K.	50 00
Bro. A. E. B.	40 00
Mrs. T. G.	25 00
Bro. R. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. A. H. P.	20 00
Mrs. W. H. M.	25 00
Mrs. T. McK.	25 00
Mrs. A. V. F.	10 00
Mrs. E. F.	10 00
Mrs. C. F. H. S.	10 00
Bro. H. C. R.	25 00
Bro. H. E. C.	25 00
Bro. C. S. S.	25 00
Mrs. G. E. W.	25 00
Mrs. W. T. W.	10 00
Mrs. A. C.	25 00

May

Mrs. C. McL.	20 00
Miss L. McL.	10 00
Miss H. McL.	10 00
Miss J. D.	20 00
Bro. S. A. B.	25 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00
Mrs. J. E. H.	20 00
Bro. H. P.	25 00
Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
Mrs. S. C. H.	25 00
Bro. R. A.	25 00
Bro. O. C. D.	25 00
Bro. D. A.	25 00
Bro. W. H. L.	50 00
Mrs. R. C.	20 00
Mrs. F. E.	25 00
Mrs. W. D.	10 00
Bro. D. B.	25 00
Mrs. D. H. C.	30 00
Mrs. A. H.	10 00
Bro. J. B.	75 00
Mrs. W. J. W.	20 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	25 00
Mrs. A. F. C.	25 00
Mrs. W. B.	25 00
Mrs. A. S. R.	20 00
Bro. F. H.	50 00
Bro. J. A. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. C.	20 00
Mrs. W. F.	20 00
Bro. J. K.	50 00
Bro. F. R.	25 00
Children of L. C. B.	25 00
Miss H. W.	50 00
Bro. J. H.	25 00
Bro. A. E. B.	10 00
Mrs. W. S. L.	20 00
Mrs. J. McK.	10 00
Mrs. J. W. T.	10 00
Mrs. H. H.	10 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	10 00
Mrs. J. T. G.	10 00
Mrs. W. B.	10 00
Mrs. G. McP.	25 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	10 00
Mrs. F. J. R.	10 00
Bro. J. K. W.	25 00
Mrs. J. K. A.	25 00
Bro. J. W.	20 00
Bro. C. S.	25 00
Bro. J. A. C.	25 00
Mrs. S. S. McC.	25 00
Bro. G. P.	25 00

\$4,975 00

THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario.

At the last session of Grand Lodge I had the honour of reporting
that the total contributions for the Belgian Relief Fund amounted
to \$46,638.39, all of which had been forwarded to His Majesty Albert
King of the Belgians, for the relief of his distressed people.

Since June 1st, 1916, I have received the sum of \$86.00 from the
following lodges, namely:

No. 69 Stirling Lodge, Stirling	\$ 2 00
No. 74 St. James' Lodge, South Augusta.....	4 00
No. 120 Warren Lodge, Fingal.....	7 00
No. 304 Minerva Lodge, Stroud.....	16 00
No. 415 Fort William Lodge, Fort William.....	50 00
No. 448 Xenophon Lodge, Wheatley.....	7 00

which contributions, together with 95 cents Bank interest, amounting
in all to \$86.95 stand to the credit of the fund, and subject to in-
structions from Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing
an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to
the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st
of May, 1917.

The following statements are herewith submitted,
viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on
General Account; Details of Receipts on General
Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May 1917;
a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Pay-
ments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expendi-
ture; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 24th
June, 1917; a Summary of the Receipts and of Pay-
ments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-
Centennial Fund; a Statement of the Receipts and
Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue
Account; and a Statement of Contributions received
towards the Belgian Relief Fund from June 1st, 1916,
to May 31st, 1917. Also a record of dispensations
issued and by-laws and amendments thereto approved
by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account, and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1917

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	\$ 106 00	....	....
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	265 25	....	....
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	270 00	....	2 00
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	229 85	....	2 40
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	159 50	....	....
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	181 75	....	....
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	136 25	4 70	....
11	Moir.....	Belleville.....	290 00	....	....
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	96 25	1 50	....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines ..	171 50	....	....
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	357 75	8 25	....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	231 50	3 00	....
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	206 25	....	....
20	St. John's	London.....	557 65	....	....
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill....	55 00	....	....
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	363 00	9 40	....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill..	52 50	2 00	....
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	155 25	....	....
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	244 00	....	....
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	127 25	1 20	....
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	383 10	....	....
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	66 50	2 10	....
29	United.....	Brighton.....	113 50	....	....
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	112 45	3 25	....
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	158 60	....	....
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	136 00	50	....
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	202 00	....	....
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	121 50	2 50	....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	28 25	....	....
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll.....	270 25	3 35	....
38	Trent	Trenton.....	169 50	3 00	....
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	23 25	3 00	....
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton	489 00	10 40	....
41	St. George's	Kingsville	139 60	3 60	....
42	St. George's	London	197 00	....	....
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	316 00	3 00	....
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	363 10	2 00	....
45	Brant.....	Brantford	305 75	3 00	....
46	Wellington	Chatham.....	262 35	....	....
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	685 60	21 20	....
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	113 20	....	....
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	59 75	....	....
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	310 75	....	....
54	Vaughan	Maple.....	45 50	....	....
55	Merrickville	Merrickville.....	89 75	....	....
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	238 00	2 70	....
57	Harmony	Binbrook	139 25	....	....
58	Doric	Ottawa.....	243 50	3 00	....
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	457 00	9 20	....
62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	84 00	....	....

63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place..	\$ 254 00	3 00	
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	222 00	4 20	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	313 75		
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	58 50	12 00	
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	97 75	3 00	
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	124 25		
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	197 50	1 00	
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	118 50		
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta..	74 50		
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	241 00		
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	230 25	7 70	
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay.....	286 75		
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	221 00		
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	94 00		3 50
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges	69 70		1 00
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	100 75	1 00	
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	148 25		50
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	93 75	1 20	
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	63 25	10 25	
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	311 50		
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	104 25		
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	164 00		
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	617 25	3 00	
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	84 75		
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	307 75		3 00
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	103 50		
94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley ..	70 30		
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	195 50		1 00
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	74 50		9 00
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	53 25		
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	44 50		
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	206 75	2 10	
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough....	166 75		
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines..	266 95		
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	101 75		
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls....	150 25		
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	51 50		
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	68 75	40	
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	51 75		
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith....	88 75		
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	147 75		
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	133 75		
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	156 00		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	122 00		
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	38 75		
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	82 00		1 50
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	53 00	1 00	
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	45 50		
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	455 00	3 00	
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	119 50	12 50	
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	231 25	4 20	
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	111 25		
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford....	144 50	9 40	
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	119 25		
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	174 00		1 50
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	71 65	1 00	

131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton..	\$ 74 25	....	....
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	84 25	....	....
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	47 97	....	....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	55 50	....	....
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	110 25	1 00	....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	134 25	2 10	....
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	117 75	....	1 00
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	96 25	....	1 00
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	56 50	....	....
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquis.....	89 25	....	....
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	257 25	4 00	....
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	62 50	....	....
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	79 50	....	....
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	118 95	....	....
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	233 25	....	....
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	77 50	4 00	....
151	Grand River.....	Berlin.....	215 75	....	....
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	97 50	40	....
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	65 75	4 20	....
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	222 00	....	....
156	York.....	Toronto.....	213 75	13 25	....
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	65 00	....	....
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	52 00	49 50	....
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	57 85	....	....
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	70 75	....	....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	35 50	....	....
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	114 55	1 25	....
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	126 85	....	....
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	156 50	....	....
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	159 75	....	....
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne ..	109 50	....	....
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	137 00	....	....
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n ..	44 25	1 00	....
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	42 50	....	50
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	80 70	....	....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	283 25	....	....
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	57 40	....	1 00
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	193 65	1 00	....
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	57 75	....	....
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	107 25	2 10	....
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	48 75	....	....
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	49 50	....	....
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	86 25	50	....
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	269 75	10 50	....
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	94 95	....	....
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	144 70	....	....
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	117 75	2 10	....
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	112 25	....	....
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	102 80	2 00	....
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	78 00	....	....
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	184 50	....	....
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	87 50	1 00	....
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg..	42 00	2 50	....
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	50 00	....	....
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	355 00	4 00	....
209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	43 00	....	....

215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	\$ 49 00	....	
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	151 75	....	4 50
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	117 50	....	
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	206 50	....	
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	93 25	1 50	
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	105 05	1 00	
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	151 00	....	
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	83 00	....	
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	84 25	....	
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	73 25	....	
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	100 95	....	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	91 00	....	
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	126 75	....	
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	163 75	....	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	279 10	1 00	
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	27 75	....	
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	73 25	2 00	
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	70 10	....	
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	90 50	1 50	
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	67 10	....	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	69 30	....	
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	87 60	1 00	
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	113 00	6 20	
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	82 50	2 10	
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	71 25	....	
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	78 00	....	
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	299 25	....	
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	191 45	....	
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	75 25	....	
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	204 75	1 20	
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	250 95	....	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	81 00	....	
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	86 25	50	
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	174 00	50	
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	161 55	....	
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	119 25	....	
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	131 25	....	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	32 85	90	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	90 25	....	
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	99 75	....	4 00
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	220 75	....	
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	73 70	1 00	
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	36 25	....	
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	281 75	3 00	
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	73 75	....	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	87 00	....	
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	123 75	....	
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	52 25	....	
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	62 75	\$1 25	
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	129 60	....	
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	46 25	....	1 50
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	73 25	....	1 90
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	96 00	....	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	91 55	....	
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	146 85	....	

284	St. John's	Brussels	\$ 75 00	...	...
285	Seven Star	Alliston	95 50	...	...
286	Wingham	Wingham	111 00	...	...
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	316 25	2 00	...
289	Doric	Lobo	114 50	...	...
290	Leamington	Leamington	192 75	11 90	...
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro	94 75	...	...
292	Robertson	King	34 00	...	...
294	Moore	Courtright	61 25	...	...
295	Conestogo	Drayton	88 00	...	...
296	Temple	St. Catharines	147 50	3 00	...
297	Preston	Preston	86 50	3 00	...
299	Victoria	Centreville	53 50	...	...
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	59 25	6 25	...
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	294 95	...	...
303	Blyth	Blyth	172 00	3 60	...
304	Minerva	Stroud	93 75	4 20	...
305	Humber	Weston	101 25	2 00	...
306	Durham	Durham	60 25	...	...
307	Arkona	Arkona	54 50	...	...
309	Morning Star	Carlow	55 75	...	...
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	53 25	...	...
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	127 25	...	...
313	Clementi	Lakefield	96 00	50	...
314	Blair	Palmerston	99 50	1 20	...
315	Clifford	Clifford	50 75	...	...
316	Doric	Toronto	414 50	3 00	...
318	Wilmot	Baden	33 25	...	...
319	Hiram	Hagersville	110 00	3 30	...
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	101 25	4 20	...
321	Walker	Acton	65 25	...	...
322	North Star	Owen Sound	177 75	8 75	...
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	98 00	...	6 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	365 75	3 00	...
325	Orono	Orono	65 75	...	...
326	Zetland	Toronto	394 50	3 00	...
327	Hammond	Wardsville	43 25	...	...
328	Ionic	Napier	39 75	3 00	...
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	62 00	...	...
330	Corinthian	London	269 30	...	...
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	63 25	...	...
332	Stratford	Stratford	189 25	...	...
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	65 50	...	...
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	73 50	...	...
336	Highgate	Highgate	69 50	2 10	...
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	55 50	...	...
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	87 10	10 00	...
339	Orient	Toronto	300 25	...	...
341	Bruce	Tiverton	23 50	35 00	...
343	Georgina	Toronto	325 25	4 20	...
344	Merrill	Dorchester St'n	74 75	...	...
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	83 00	...	...
346	Occident	Toronto	327 25	1 00	...
347	Mercer	Fergus	91 25	...	...
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	100 45	...	...
352	Granite	Parry Sound	175 50	1 20	...

354	Brock	Cannington	\$ 59 00		
356	River Park	Streetsville	86 00	7 20	
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	119 75		
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	31 75	31 00	
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	52 00		
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	82 25		
361	Waverley	Guelph	247 50	1 00	
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	66 75		
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	55 75		
367	St. George	Toronto	321 50		
368	Salem	Brockville	183 10		
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	131 25		
370	Harmony	Delta	55 75	1 00	
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	169 00		
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	104 25		
373	Copestone	Welland	224 45		
374	Keene	Keene	27 00	2 00	
375	Lorne	Omeme	73 00		
376	Unity	Huntsville	127 00		
377	Lorne	Shelbourne	80 50		
378	King Solomon's	London	265 85	75	
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	42 50		
380	Union	London	275 50		
382	Doric	Hamilton	428 50	2 10	
383	Henderson	Winchester	83 75	60	
384	Alpha	Toronto	421 20		
385	Spry	Beeton	56 35		
386	McColl	West Lorne	92 95	1 00	
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	58 10	05	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	73 60		
389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	55 50		2 00
390	Florence	Florence	49 75		
391	Howard	Ridgetown	186 00		4 50
392	Huron	Camlachie	48 25		
393	Forest	Chesley	73 25	1 10	
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	82 25	40	
395	Parvaim	Comber	59 70		
396	Cedar	Warton	197 25		
397	Leopold	Brigden	65 50		
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	47 75		50
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	49 25	2 10	
400	Oakville	Oakville	164 25		
401	Craig	Deseronto	109 75	7 20	
402	Central	Essex	80 25	4 20	
403	Windsor	Windsor	425 00		
404	Lorne	Tamworth	63 75		
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	82 50		
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	60 75		
408	Murray	Beaverton	82 70	2 00	
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	80 95		3 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	366 00	2 80	
411	Rodney	Rodney	63 00		
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	361 75	4 80	
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	77 75		
414	Pequonga	Kenora	211 50	3 00	
415	Fort William	Fort William	211 00		

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	\$ 71 25	....	....
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	73 25	....	....
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	68 00	....	....
419	Bismarck.....	Sarnia.....	89 95	....	....
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	238 50	....	....
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley....	68 75	4 85	....
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	51 75	....	....
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	71 25	....	....
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	45 25	....	2 00
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	87 25	....	....
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	296 00	1 75	....
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	252 85	....	....
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	143 25	....	....
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	54 25	....	....
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	207 75	3 00	....
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	62 55	....	....
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	65 00	....	....
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	95 95	1 00	....
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	105 00	....	....
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	149 50	....	1 00
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	48 50	....	....
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	299 75	6 00	....
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	470 50	9 90	....
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	57 25	....	....
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	63 85	....	....
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	74 25	6 70	....
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	118 95	12 00	....
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	67 00	....	....
444	Nitetic.....	Creemore.....	63 50	....	....
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	60 50	....	....
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances.....	105 50	....	....
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls..	79 30	....	....
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	48 25	....	....
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	55 50	....	....
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	58 50	2 00	....
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	46 50	....	....
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	88 75	....	....
453	Royal.....	Fort William....	122 75	50	....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	81 50	1 00	....
455	Doric.....	Little Current..	63 75	....	....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	41 35	....	....
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	72 75	3 00	....
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	80 75	....	....
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	82 45	....	....
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	59 00	....	....
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	63 25	15 00	....
462	Temiscaming.....	New Liskeard....	171 00	....	50
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	52 50	....	....
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	56 50	1 00	....
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	59 00	1 00	....
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	76 80	....	....
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	40 00	55 25	....
468	Peel.....	Caledon East....	67 75	....	....
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie	182 00	3 00	....
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour	135 50	....	....
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	44 25	....	....

472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	67 50	1 00	...
473	The Beaches	Toronto	199 75	...	...
474	Victoria	Toronto	238 85	4 20	...
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	318 40	...	...
476	Corinthian	North Gower	62 50	...	...
477	Harding	Woodville	48 75	...	...
478	Milverton	Milverton	62 75	...	...
479	Russell	Russell	119 50	...	...
480	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	43 50	...	...
481	Corinthian	Toronto	219 00	10 50	...
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	99 75	...	...
483	Granton	Granton	52 75	...	...
484	Golden Star	Dryden	66 75	2 00	...
485	Haileybury	Haileybury	159 75	1 00	...
486	Silver	Cobalt	186 00	2 60	...
487	Penewobikong	Blind River	75 75	...	...
488	King Edward	Harrow	71 50	2 10	...
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	83 00	...	...
490	Hiram	Markdale	37 25	10 20	...
491	Cardinal	Cardinal	71 25	...	...
492	Karnak	Coldwater	60 50	...	...
493	St. Marys	St. Marys	92 75	1 00	...
494	Riverdale	Toronto	225 50	...	...
495	Electric	Hamilton	270 00	4 20	...
496	University	Toronto	168 75	4 00	...
497	St. Andrew's	Arden	79 25	...	...
498	King George V	Coboconk	34 00	...	50
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	185 50	1 50	...
500	Rose	Windsor	67 00	...	...
501	Connaught	Mimico	134 75	...	...
502	Coronation	Smithville	44 00	2 10	...
503	Inwood	Inwood	60 75	1 00	...
504	Otter	Lombardy	37 75	...	...
505	Lynden	Lynden	77 35	...	...
506	Porcupine	Porcupine	98 50	...	...
507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake	64 25	...	...
508	Ozias	Brantford	55 45	...	...
509	Twin City	Berlin	94 50	...	...
510	Parkdale	Toronto	85 75	5 20	...
511	Connaught	W. Fort William	24 00	78 50	...
512	Malone	Sutton	60 25	...	50
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	215 00	8 20	...
514	St. Alban's	Toronto	224 65	...	...
515	Reba	Brantford	149 45	...	...
516	Enterprise	Beachburg	56 50	4 20	...
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	69 25	...	1 80
518	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	123 50	...	8 50
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	51 25	1 00	...
520	Coronati	Toronto	208 75	2 00	...
521	Ontario	Windsor	184 75	3 20	...
522	Mount Sinai	Toronto	155 25	...	...
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	69 35	...	...
524	Mississauga	Port Credit	59 05	2 70	...
525	Temple	Toronto	104 00	...	...
526	Ionic	Westboro	96 25	4 20	...

527	Espanola	Espanola	50	25	3	00	...
528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	104	75	...	...	...
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	57	55	...	...	...
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	45	10	13	50	...
531	High Park.....	Toronto	704	50	...	2	75
532	Canada.....	Toronto	374	75	1	00	...
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto	356	60	...	...	...
U.D.	Englehart.....	Englehart.....	96	60	...	...	...
U.D.	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	59	35	2	00	...
U.D.	Ulster... ..	Toronto.. ..	26	25	8	75	...
U.D.	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	34	50	...	...	...
U.D.	Kitchener.....	Port McNicholl .....	.....	...	...	...	...
U.D.	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	.....	...	...	...	...
Total Receipts from Lodges.....			\$59,934	82			
Sundries.....			801	75			
Interest.....			5,063	15			
Debentures Redeemed.....			12,524	72			

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Year Ended May 31st, 1917.

Fees, registration of Initiations.....	\$11,504 00
Fees, registration of Affiliations.....	323 00
Dues.....	43,556 87
Certificates.....	159 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	1,264 60
Dispensations.....	583 00
Commutation of Dues.....	2,485 00
Warrants.....	60 00
Miscellaneous.....	801 10
	\$60,736 57

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada, War Loans	\$137 50
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	350 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	550 00
Town of Berlin.....	128 73
Town of Berlin.....	276 15
Town of Brampton.....	117 86
City of Brandon.....	600 00
City of Brantford.....	320 00
Town of Brockville.....	269 21
City of Hamilton.....	120 00
Town of Kincardine	25 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
County of Oxford	75 48
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur	50 00
City of St. Thomas.....	753 51
City of Stratford.....	45 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of Toronto.....	170 32
Bank Account.....	118 11
	5,063 15

Total Revenue, General Account.....\$65,799 72

Debentures Matured and Paid:

Landed Banking and Loan Co.....	\$10,000 00
Town of Berlin	816 57
Town of Brockville	466 61
City of St. Thomas.....	1,241 54
	12,524 72
	\$78,324 44

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Payments to Grand Treasurer.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1916		1916	
June 1st.....	\$ 487 68	Dec 2nd.....	275 00
June 17th.....	454 00	Dec. 18th.....	\$ 533 25
June 23rd.....	1,137 25	Dec. 27th.....	923 13
June 27th.....	3,267 10	Dec. 30th.....	3,931 45
June 29th.....	2,743 00	1917	
June 30th.....	1,884 83	Jan. 3rd.....	3,871 76
July 3rd.....	2,558 30	Jan. 6th.....	2,974 25
July 5th.....	1,789 35	Jan. 9th.....	3,535 25
July 7th.....	2,365 20	Jan. 12.....	3,487 20
July 10th.....	1,048 57	Jan. 17th.....	2,770 01
July 12th.....	1,098 45	Jan. 20th.....	1,724 60
July 14th.....	382 50	Jan. 24th.....	1,259 00
July 28th.....	2,439 45	Jan. 31st.....	1,719 05
July 31st.....	53 00	Feb. 9th.....	1,815 10
Aug. 22nd.....	553 25	Feb. 16th.....	1,737 80
Aug. 31st.....	84 50	Feb. 28th.....	1,498 50
Sept. 5th.....	735 82	March 6th.....	1,336 00
Sept. 30th.....	424 60	March 16th.....	1,949 45
Sept. 30th.....	39 62	March 24th.....	506 47
Oct. 14th.....	786 11	March 31st.....	242 30
Oct. 31st.....	552 80	April 2nd.....	2,082 75
Nov. 1st.....	10,225 00	April 13th.....	1,005 30
Nov. 20th.....	544 85	April 30th.....	388 15
Nov. 24th.....	1,152 30	May 18th.....	742 95
Nov. 30th.....	352 90	May 31st.....	855 29
			<u>\$78,324 44</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Year Ended May 31st, 1917.

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to March 31st, 1917	\$ 200 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, salary to March 31st, 1917	3,000 00
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to March 31st, 1917	300 00
J. P. Muir, superannuation to May 31st, 1917	799 99
Thomas Pedler, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1917	1,100 00
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to May 31st, 1917	1,000 00
A. E. Mason, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1917	720 00
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to May 31st, 1917	660 00
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office	900 00
Printing and Stationery	3,780 62
Certificates and Warrants	1,864 41
Telephone Service	61 15
Insurance on furniture, books and regalia and premium on bond of Grand Secretary	88 31
Safety Deposit Box Rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	40 00
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	1,000 00
Postage on Proceedings	172 15
Postage of D. G. M. and chairmen of committees	45 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at London	1,232 45
Expenses of Delegations and Ceremonies	75 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1,000 00
A. T. Freed, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250 00
Balance of allowance to M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master for expenses 1915-1916	400 00
Allowance to M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, for Expenses for 1916-1917	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Portrait and framing	23 50
Regalia and repairs	166 10
Memorial Tributes	25 00
Musical Ritual, preliminary expenses	34 35
Interest on Overdraft, bank account	106 67
Total General Charges	\$19,944 70
Grants for Benevolence	31,510 00
Debentures purchased	15,133 83
	\$66,588 53

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Summary of Receipts Year Ended May 31st, 1917.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from lodges:

No. 77, Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	\$ 10 00
No. 79, Simcoe	Bradford	172 00
No. 389, Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	2 00
		\$ 184 00

Debentures matured:

Town of Berlin	787 94
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REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Interest on Investments and Bank Account per detailed statement	\$4,878 50
	<u>\$5,849 54</u>

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

Deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

1916

June 8th	\$ 332 42
June 30th	280 67
July 10th	362 50
August 22nd	1,052 97
September 5th	117 67
September 30th	14 48
October 31st	150 50
November 24th	386 28
November 30th	16 48
December 2nd	684 37
December 27th	642 58

1917

January 2nd	519 93
January 30th	25 00
February 28th	239 15
April 30th	257 77
May 1st	594 82
May 31st	171 95
	<u>\$5,849 54</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Revenue Account Year Ended May 31st, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1916.....	\$ 238 41
<i>Interest on Investments:</i>	
Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$ 272 77
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	250 00
Berlin, Town of, Debentures.....	451 63
Brampton, Town of, Debentures.....	110 50
Brandon, City of, Debentures.....	200 00
Calgary, City of, Debentures.....	180 00
Durham, Town of, Debentures.....	76 42
Galt, Town of, Debentures.....	80 00
Ingersoll, Town of, Debentures.....	40 00
Kincardine, Town of, Debentures.....	50 00
North Vancouver, District of, Debentures.....	135 00
Oakville, Town of, Debentures.....	239 37
Oshawa, Town of, Debentures.....	194 24
Owen Sound, Town of, Debentures.....	245 00
Peterborough, City of, Debentures.....	361 34
St. Catharines, City of, Debentures.....	212 80
St. Marys, Town of, Debentures.....	405 00
Saltfleet, Township of, Debentures.....	200 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of, Debentures.....	90 00
Seaforth, Town of, Debentures.....	200 00
Shuniah, Municipality of, Debentures.....	50 00
Strathroy, Town of, Debentures.....	77 32
Tilbury East, Township of, Debentures.....	46 00
Walkerville, Town of, Debentures.....	189 91
Windsor, City of, Debentures.....	298 69
Woodstock, City of, Debentures.....	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Dividend....	6 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.....	36 51
	\$4,878 50
	<u>\$5,116 91</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants for Benevolence.....	\$4,975 00
Balance at credit 31st May, 1917.....	141 91
	\$5,116 91



Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, June 21st, 1917.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1917.

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A., Auditor.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Statement of Contributions received by the Grand Secretary from
June 1st, 1916, to May 31st, 1917.

No.	Lodge	Location	Amount
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	\$ 2 00
74	St. James.....	South Augusta.....	4 00
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	7 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	16 00
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	50 00
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	7 00
	Interest on Deposits.....		95
			<u>\$86 95</u>

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to represent this Grand Lodge near their own grand bodies, viz:—

W. Bro. Charles H. Magee, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Upon nomination of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the following brethren have been appointed to represent foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, viz:—

R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Toronto, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

R. W. Bro. Donald Sutherland, Blenheim, Grand Lodge of Missouri.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Day, Guelph, New Jersey.

R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Belleville, Grand Lodge of Texas.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Ross, Ottawa, Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

R. W. Bro. H. P. Stoneman, Ingersoll, Grand Lodge of Utah.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, warrants have been granted to:—

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins.

Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane.

High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto.

Canada Lodge No. 532, Toronto.

Shamrock Lodge No. 533, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued to the following lodges, viz.:—

Englehart Lodge, U.D., Englehart.

Phoenix Lodge, U.D., Fonthill.

Dispensations have been granted to new lodges as follows:—

Algonquin Lodge, Copper Cliff.

Ulster Lodge, Toronto.

Kitchener Lodge, Port McNichol.

Waterloo Lodge, Waterloo.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been Constituted and Consecrated, viz.:—

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, acting D.D.G.M., on Thursday, October 12th, 1916.

Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka, by R. W. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 27th, 1916.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, acting D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 13th, 1916.

High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 13th, 1916.

Canada Lodge No. 532, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 6th, 1916.

Shamrock Lodge No. 533, Toronto, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, September 19th, 1916.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges have been dedicated, viz.:

Erie District No. 1.

Xenophon Lodge No. 448, Wheatley, by R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Douglas, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, November 22nd, 1916.

London District No. 3.

Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka, by R. W. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, September 27th, 1916.

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

Lansdowne Lodge No. 387, Lansdowne, by R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Tait, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, May 3rd, 1917.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens, by R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Tait, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, May 31st, 1917.

Temiscaming District No. 22.

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, acting D.D.G.M., on Thursday, October 12th, 1916.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane, by R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, acting D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 13th, 1916.

Bruce District No. 24.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill, by R. W. Bro. A. P. Johnston, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, May 17th, 1917.

BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1916			
Sept.	9. 159	Goodwood	Richmond
Sept.	30 185	Enniskillen	York
Oct.	12 525	Temple	Toronto
Oct.	30 532	Canada	Toronto
Dec.	13 507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake
Dec.	19 249	Caledonian	Midland
1917			
Jan.	17 527	Espanola	Espanola
Jan.	20 279	New Hope	Hespeler
Feb.	2 526	Ionic	Westboro'
Feb.	15 454	Corona	Burk's Falls
Feb.	17 529	Myra	Komoka
March	12 533	Shamrock	Toronto
April	7 420	Nipissing	North Bay
April	10 528	Golden Beaver	Timmins
April	16 531	High Park	Toronto
May	4 330	Corinthian	London
June	5 505	Lynden	Lynden
June	12 524	Mississauga	Port Credit
June	13 393	Forest	Chesley
June	23 448	Xenophon	Wheatley

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1916			
July	10 96	Corinthian	Barrie
July	12 479	Russell	Russell
Sept.	9 159	Goodwood	Richmond
Sept.	16 186	Plantaganet	Riceville
Sept.	27 61	Acacia	Hamilton
Sept.	27 157	Simpson	Newboro'
Oct.	3 495	Electric	Hamilton
Oct.	13 181	Oriental	Port Burwell
Oct.	19 396	Cedar	Warton
Oct.	21 501	Connaught	Mimico
Oct.	26 289	Doric	Lobo
Oct.	30 44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas
Nov	1 410	Zeta	Toronto
Nov.	11 231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
Nov.	14 72	Alma	Galt
Nov.	14 216	Harris	Orangeville
Nov.	17 107	St. Paul's	Lambeth
Nov.	18 442	Dyment	Thessalon
Nov.	18 96	Corinthian	Barrie
Nov.	18 382	Doric	Hamilton

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1916			
Nov.	18 122	Renfrew	Renfrew
Nov.	22 143	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois
Nov.	22 495	Electric	Hamilton
Nov.	25 27	Strict Observance	Hamilton
Dec.	1 141	Tudor	Mitchell
Dec.	1 494	Riverdale	Toronto
Dec.	8 115	Ivy	Beamsville
Dec.	11 456	Elma	Monkton
Dec.	12 360	Muskoka	Bracebridge
Dec.	12 101	Corinthian	Peterborough
Dec.	13 507	Elk Lake	Elk Lake
Dec.	16 193	Scotland	Scotland
Dec.	19 172	Ayr	Ayr
Dec.	19 324	Temple	Hamilton
Dec.	20 66	Durham	Newcastle
Dec.	20 462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard
Dec.	21 157	Simpson	Newboro'
Dec.	21 473	The Beaches	Toronto
Dec.	26 14	True Britons	Perth
Dec.	26 412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie
Dec.	26 65	Rehoboam	Toronto
Dec.	29 40	St. John's	Hamilton
Dec.	29 404	Lorne	Tamworth
1917			
Jan.	3 304	Minerva	Stroud
Jan.	3 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean
Jan.	8 325	Orono	Orono
Jan.	10 299	Victoria	Centreville
Jan.	17 120	Warren	Fingal
Jan.	17 527	Espanola	Espanola
Jan.	17 31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville
Jan.	20 459	Cobden	Cobden
Jan.	20 465	Carleton	Carp
Jan.	20 105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls
Jan.	20 496	University	Toronto
Jan.	29 514	St. Alban's	Toronto
Jan.	29 438	Harmony	Toronto
Jan.	30 141	Tudor	Mitchell
Jan.	30 445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora
Jan.	31 417	Keewatin	Keewatin
Feb.	15 200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest
Feb.	17 494	Riverdale	Toronto
Feb.	17 513	Corinthian	Hamilton
Feb.	26 197	Saugeen	Walkerton
Feb.	26 522	Mt. Sinai	Toronto
March	2 61	Acacia	Hamilton
March	5 220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge
March	9 316	Doric	Toronto
March	9 209a	St. John's	London

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location
1917			
March	9 433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville
March	9 337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
March	12 257	Galt.....	Galt
March	17 119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath
March	21 387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
March	21 498	King George V.....	Coboconk
March	24 339	Orient.....	Toronto
March	24 159	Goodwood.....	Richmond
March	24 121	Doric.....	Brantford
March	24 502	Coronation.....	Smithville
March	30 509	Twin City.....	Kitchener
March	30 113	Wilson.....	Waterford
March	30 20	St. John's.....	London
March	31 88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound
March	31 478	Milverton.....	Milverton
April	3 287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur
April	6 314	Blair.....	Palmerston
April	9 286	Wingham.....	Wingham
April	10 243	St. George.....	St. George
April	10 164	Star in the East.....	Wellington
April	10 528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
April	14 465	Carleton.....	Carp
April	14 114	Hope.....	Port Hope
April	14 377	Lorne.....	Shelburne
April	17 380	Union.....	London
April	21 432	Hanover.....	Hanover
April	21 450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
April	24 92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston
May	4 146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh
May	4 192	Orillia.....	Orillia
May	4 463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton
May	4 330	Corinthian.....	London
May	10 118	Union.....	Schomberg
May	11 18	Prince Edward.....	Pictou
May	11 410	Zeta.....	Toronto
May	14 296	Temple.....	St. Catharines
May	19 86	Wilson.....	Toronto
May	22 69	Stirling.....	Stirling
May	22 41	St. George's.....	Kingsville
May	23 162	Forest.....	Wroxeter
May	26 168	Merritt.....	Welland
May	29 499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
May	31 9	Union.....	Napanee
June	1 161	Percy.....	Warkworth
June	5 37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll
June	9 427	Nickel.....	Sudbury
June	12 85	Rising Sun.....	Athens
June	13 96	Corinthian.....	Barrie
June	15 201	Leeds.....	Gananoque
June	23 377	Lorne.....	Shelburne
July	5 249	Caledonian.....	Midland

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1916				
July	3 108	Blenheim.....	Princeton	To install
July	3 330	Corinthian.....	London	Confer d's within tm.
July	3 253	Minden.....	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
July	3 155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough	Confer d's within tm.
July	3 405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa	To elect
July	3 37	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	Confer d's within tm.
July	4 370	Harmony.....	Delta	To install
July	4 274	Kent.....	Blenheim	Divine Service
July	5 497	St. Andrews'.....	Arden	Divine Service
July	5 503	Inwood.....	Inwood	Divine Service
July	6 430	Acacia.....	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
July	6 86	Wilson.....	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
July	6 483	Granton.....	Granton	Divine Service
July	8 442	Dymont.....	Thessalon	Confer d's within tm.
July	8 474	Victoria.....	Toronto	Divine Service
July	8 201	Leeds.....	Gananoque	Divine Service
July	10 92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
July	11 475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
July	11 464	King Edward.....	Sunderland	Divine Service
July	14 233	Doric.....	Parkhill	Confer d's within tm.
July	15 314	Blair.....	Palmerston	Divine Service
July	17 92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
July	17 217	Frederick.....	Delhi	Confer d's within tm.
July	18 149	Eric.....	Port Dover	Confer d's within tm.
July	22 410	Zeta.....	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
July	22 110	Central.....	Prescott	Confer d's within tm.
July	24 121	Doric.....	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
July	27 207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster	Divine Service
July	28 408	Murray.....	Beaverton	Divine service
July	29 63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place	Confer d's within tm.
July	29 254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls	Confer d's within tm.
July	29 403	Windsor.....	Windsor	Hold an excursion
July	29 531	High Park.....	Toronto	Hold a picnic
July	31 376	Unity.....	Huntsville	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	2 388	Henderson.....	Ilderton	Divine Service
Aug.	4 232	Cameron.....	Dutton	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	8 261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip	Divine Service
Aug.	11 394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford	Divine Service
Aug.	12 37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	To Initiate
Aug.	14 263	Forest.....	Forest	Divine Service
Aug.	15 153	Burns.....	Wyoming	Divine Service
Aug.	17 119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath	To initiate
Aug.	17 264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	18 196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior	Decorate graves.
Aug.	19 446	Granite.....	Fort Frances	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	19 499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur	Confer d'e within tm.
Aug.	22 356	River Park.....	Streetsville	Confer d'e within tm.
Aug.	25 507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	To elect
Aug.	28 256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	Confer d's within tm.
Aug.	29 512	Malone.....	Sutton W.	Confer d'e within tm.

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1916				
Aug.	29	531. High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg
Aug.	31	123 Belleville	Belleville	Confer d'e within tn
Aug.	31	272 Seymour	Ancaster	Divine service
Aug.	31	209 Evergreen	Lanark	To elect
Sept.	1	128. Pembroke	Pembroke	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	2	88. St. George's	Owen Sound	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	5	76. Oxford	Woodstock	Confer d'e within tn
Sept.	5	40 St. John's	Hamilton	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	5	272. Seymour	Ancaster	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	5	63. St. John's	Carleton Place	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	7	164. Star in the East	Wellington	Divine Service
Sept.	8	37. King Hiram	Ingersoll	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	9	96. Corinthian	Barrie	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	9	412 Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	9	230. Kerr	Barrie	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	11	34. Thistle	Amherstburg	Decorate graves
Sept.	11	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg
Sept.	12	257. Galt	Galt	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	12	486. Silver	Cobalt	At Home
Sept.	13	253. Minden	Kingston	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	13	259. Springfield	Springfield	Divine Service
Sept.	14	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	14	362. Maple Leaf	Tara	Divine Service
Sept.	16	UD. Englehart	Englehart	Divine Service
Sept.	16	185. Enniskillen	York	Divine Service
Sept.	18	382. Doric	Hamilton	Confer d'e within tn
Sept.	19	209. Evergreen	Lanark	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	21	222. Marmora	Marmora	Divine Service
Sept.	22	128. Pembroke	Pembroke	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	23	502. Coronation	Smithville	Divine Service
Sept.	25	427. Nickel	Sudbury	Confer d'e within tn
Sept.	26	286. Wingham	Wingham	To install
Sept.	27	357. Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine Service
Sept.	27	438. Harmony	Toronto	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	27	165. Burlington	Burlington	Change night of mtg
Sept.	28	62. St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Divine Service
Sept.	29	126. Golden Rule	Campbellford	Divine Service
Sept.	30	15. St. George's	St. Catharines	Confer d's within tn
Sept.	30	491. Cardinal	Cardinal	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	2	426. Stanley	Toronto	Confer d'e within tn
Oct.	2	346. Occident	Toronto	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	3	25. Ionic	Toronto	Confer d'e within tn
Oct.	3	85. Rising Sun	Athens	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	4	467. Tottenham	Tottenham	Confer d'e within tn
Oct.	4	319. Hiram	Hagersville	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	4	78. King Hiram	Tillsonburg	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	5	261 Oak Branch	Innerkip	Confer d'e within tn
Oct.	5	43. King Solomon's	Woodstock	Confer d's within tn
Oct.	5	123. Belleville	Belleville	Confer d'e within tn
Oct.	10	126. Golden Rule	Campbellford	To initiate

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1916				
Oct.	10	90 Manito.	Collingwood	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	10	391 Howard	Ridgetown.	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	10	494 Riverdale.	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	11	289 Doric.	Lobo.	Divine Service
Oct.	11	209a St. John's.	London	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	11	237 Vienna	Vienna	Divine Service
Oct.	11	3 Anct. St. John's.	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	12	161 Percy	Warkworth.	Divine Service
Oct.	12	290 Leamington.	Leamington.	Divine Service
Oct.	12	92 Cataragui.	Kingston	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	13	91 Colborne	Colborne	Confer d'e within tm.
Oct.	13	481 Corinthian.	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	14	100 Valley.	Dundas	Change night of mtg.
Oct.	16	22 King Solomon's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	16	257 Galt	Galt	Divine Service
Oct.	23	531 High Park.	Toronto	To install
Oct.	25	27 Strict Observance.	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
Oct.	26	161 Percy	Warkworth.	Change night of mtg.
Oct.	26	522 Mount Sinai	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Oct.	31	121 Doric	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	2	361 Waverley	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	2	416 Lyn.	Lyn.	To initiate
Nov.	2	420 Nipissing.	North Bay.	To initiate
Nov.	3	47 Great Western	Windsor	To initiate
Nov.	8	486 Silver	Cobalt	To install
Nov.	9	359 Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
Nov.	9	327 Hammond.	Wardsville	Confer d'e within tm.
Nov.	9	474 Victoria	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	10	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	10	52 Dalhousie.	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	10	352 Granite	Parry Sound	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	11	146 Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Divine Service
Nov.	15	58 Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	15	302 St. David's.	St. Thomas.	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	16	438 Harmony	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
Nov.	20	531 High Park	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	21	171 Britannia	Seaforth	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	21	155 Peterborough	Peterborough	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	21	523 Rcyal Arthur	Peterborough	Change hour of mtg.
Nov.	24	22 King Solomon's	Toronto	At Home
Nov.	24	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	25	231 Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	27	457 Century	Merlin	To install
Nov.	27	296 Temple	St. Catharines.	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	27	326 Zetland	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Nov.	28	499 Port Arthur	Port Arthur.	To install
Nov.	30	101 Corinthian.	Peterborough	To install
Dec.	2	495 Electric	Hamilton	To initiate
Dec.	5	409 Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	To initiate
Dec.	6	438 Harmony	Toronto	To install

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1916				
Dec.	6	6 Barton	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	7	533 Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Dec.	7	45 Brant	Brantford	To initiate
Dec.	8	195 Tuscan	London	Change date of mtg.
Dec.	8	231 Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	To initiate
Dec.	8	309 Morning Star	Carlow	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	11	72 Alma	Galt	Change night of mtg
Dec.	11	230 Kerr	Barrie	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	11	267 Parthenon	Chatham	To initiate
Dec.	11	420 Nipissing	North Bay	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	11	77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	To initiate
Dec.	12	75 St. John's	Toronto	Change night of mtg
Dec.	12	215 Lake	Ameliasburg	At Home
Dec.	13	153 Burns	Wyoming	To install
Dec.	13	505 Lynden	Lynden	To install
Dec.	15	380 Union	London	Confer d'e within tm
Dec.	16	103 Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	To install
Dec.	18	527 Espanola	Espanola	Lodge of Instruction
Dec.	18	493 St. Marys	St. Marys	To elect
Dec.	18	348 Georgian	Penetanguishene	To install
Dec.	19	114 Hope	Port Hope	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	19	228 Prince Arthur	Odessa	Confer d'e within tm
Dec.	20	471 King Edward VII	Chippawa	To install
Dec.	21	521 Ontario	Windsor	To install
Dec.	21	61 Acacia	Hamilton	Change hour of mtg.
Dec.	21	433 Bonnechere	Eganville	To install
Dec.	21	466 Coronation	Elmvale	To install
Dec.	26	106 Burford	Burford	To install
Dec.	26	234 Beaver	Clarksburg	To install
Dec.	29	411 Rodney	Rodney	To install
Dec.	29	510 Parkdale	Toronto	Confer d's within tm
Dec.	29	383 Henderson	Winchester	To install
Dec.	30	481 Corinthian	Toronto	To install

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Jan.	2	9 Union	Napanee	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	2	44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	2	374 Keene	Keene	To elect
Jan.	2	374 Keene	Keene	To install
Jan.	2	376 Unity	Huntsville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan.	3	359 Vittoria	Vittoria	To install
Jan.	3	222 Marmora	Marmora	To elect
Jan.	3	421 Scott	Grand Valley	To install
Jan.	3	47 Great Western	Windsor	To install
Jan.	3	68 St. John's	Ingersoll	To install
Jan.	3	361 Waverley	Guelph	Change night of mtg.
Jan.	3	276 Teeswater	Teeswater	To install
Jan.	4	85 Rising Sun	Athens	To install
Jan.	5	290 Leamington	Leamington	To install
Jan.	5	31 Jerusalem	Bowmanville	To initiate

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1917				
Jan. 8	81	St. John's...	Mount Brydges	To install
Jan. 10	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	To initiate
Jan. 10	57	Harmony	Binbrook	At Home
Jan. 10	533	Shamrock	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Jan. 12	263	Forest	Forest	To install
Jan. 15	394	King Solomon	Thamesford	At Home
Jan. 15	510	Parkdale	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan. 15	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	At Home
Jan. 17	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 17	UD	Phoenix	Fonthill	At Home
Jan. 17	532	Canada	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 19	418	Maxville	Maxville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 19	393	Forest	Chesley	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 19	127	Franck	Frankford	To install
Jan. 20	229	Ionic	Brampton	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 23	33	Maitland	Goderich	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan. 23	75	St. John's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 23	285	Seven Star	Alliston	At Home
Jan. 25	316	Doric	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 25	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service
Jan. 26	314	Blair	Palmerston	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan. 26	11	Moir	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
Jan. 27	532	Canada	Toronto	At Home
Jan. 29	216	Harris	Orangeville	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan. 29	343	Georgina	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
Jan. 29	531	High Park	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Jan. 29	531	High Park	Toronto	At Home
Jan. 29	520	Coronati	Toronto	At Home
Jan. 30	289	Doric	Lobo	To initiate
Jan. 30	72	Alma	Galt	To initiate
Feb. 1	304	Minerva	Stroud	confer d'e within tm.
Feb. 2	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate
Feb. 3	47	Great Western	Windsor	At Home
Feb. 3	289	Doric	Lobo	To initiate
Feb. 3	289	Doric	Lobo	To initiate
Feb. 3	289	Doric	Lobo	To initiate
Feb. 5	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb. 7	171	Prince of Wales	Iona	At Home
Feb. 8	513	Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb. 8	508	Ozias	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
Feb. 9	346	Occident	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
Feb. 9	346	Occident	Toronto	At Home
Feb. 12	448	Xenophon	Wheatley	To initiate
Feb. 12	510	Parkdale	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
Feb. 12	103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Confer d's within tm.
Feb. 12	231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	To initiate
Feb. 13	56	Victoria	Sarnia	Lodge of Instruction
Feb. 13	101	Corinthian	Peterborough	To initiate
Feb. 13	513	Corinthian	Hamilton	At Home
Feb. 14	41	St. George's	Kingsville	Confer d'e within tm

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose	
1917					
Feb.	14	466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	At Home
Feb.	14	388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	15	16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Change night of mtg.
Feb.	15	494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	At Home
Feb.	19	442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	19	529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	At Home
Feb.	19	384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Feb.	20	520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	20	20	St. John's.....	London.....	At Home
Feb.	20	101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	23	465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	To initiate
Feb.	23	503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	At Home
Feb.	23	45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	24	410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	At Home
Feb.	26	413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	27	531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
Feb.	27	61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	Change hour of mtg.
Feb.	27	61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d'e within tm.
Feb.	28	316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
Feb.	28	316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	At Home
March	1	500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	At Home
March	1	496	University.....	Toronto.....	Change hour of mtg.
March	1	352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	3	508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	Lodge of Instruction
March	5	392	Huron.....	Camlachie.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	5	486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	At Home
March	6	339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	6	519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	Change night of mtg.
March	6	209a	St. John's.....	London.....	At Home
March	6	126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	To initiate..
March	7	154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	To initiate
March	9	337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	Divine Service
March	10	47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	Divine Service
March	10	47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	At Home
March	10	52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	12	72	Alma.....	Galt.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	12	72	Alma.....	Galt.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	12	253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	12	253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	14	16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	14	16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	19	156	York.....	Toronto.....	At Home
March	19	86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	20	496	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	20	496	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	23	496	University.....	Toronto.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	23	442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	23	78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	Confer d'e within tm.
March	23	495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	Confer d's within tm.
March	23	270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	Confer d's within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1917				
March	23	454 Corono	Burk's Falls	Divine Service
March	27	290 Leamington	Leamington	Divine Service
March	27	86 Wilson	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
March	28	521 Ontario	Windsor	Lodge of Instruction
March	29	508 Ozias	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
March	30	247 Ashlar	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
March	30	521 Ontario	Windsor	Confer d's within tm.
March	30	521 Ontario	Windsor	Confer d's within tm.
March	30	46 Wellington	Chatham	Divine Service
March	31	231 Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
March	31	40 St. John's	Hamilton	Change hour of mtg.
March	31	389 Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	Confer d'e within tm.
April	2	47 Great Western	Windsor	Confer d'e within tm.
April	2	47 Great Western	Windsor	Confer d'e within tm.
April	2	47 Great Western	Windsor	Confer d'e within tm.
April	2	428 Fidelity	Port Perry	Divine Service
April	2	126 Golden Rule	Campbellford	Confer d's within tm.
April	3	402 Central	Essex	Confer d'e within tm.
April	3	501 Connaught	Mimico	Confer d's within tm.
April	3	119 Maple Leaf	Bath	To initiate
April	3	11 Moira	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	4	149 Erie	Port Dover	At Home
April	4	22 King Solomon's	Toronto	Change night of mtg.
April	4	438 Harmony	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	4	492 Karnak	Coldwater	Confer d's within tm.
April	4	513 Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	5	3 Anct. St. John's	Kingston	Confer d's within tm.
April	5	122 Renfrew	Renfrew	Confer d's within tm.
April	5	192 Orillia	Orillia	Confer d's within tm.
April	7	45 Brant	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
April	7	515 Reba	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
April	7	277 Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Divine Service
April	7	47 Great Western	Windsor	Change night of mtg.
April	7	264 Chaudiere	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
April	9	511 Connaught	Fort William	At Home
April	9	258 Guelph	Guelph	Confer d's within tm.
April	9	222 Marmora	Marmora	Confer d's within tm.
April	9	285 Seven Star	Alliston	To initiate
April	10	52 Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
April	11	473 The Beaches	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	11	96 Corinthian	Barrie	Confer d's within tm.
April	11	44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Lodge of Instruction
April	12	23 Richmond	Richmond Hill	At Home
April	12	326 Zetland	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
April	13	324 Temple	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
April	13	283 Eureka	Belleville	Confer d'e within tm.
April	13	220 Zeredatha	Uxbridge	To elect
April	14	69 Stirling	Stirling	Confer d's within tm.
April	16	37 King Hiram	Ingersoll	To initiate
April	16	101 Corinthian	Peterborough	Confer d's within tm.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
April	17	UD. Phoenix	Fonthill	Divine Service
April	17	368. Salem	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.
April	17	526. Ionic	Westboro'	Confer d's within tm.
April	17	481. Corinthian	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
April	18	471. King Edward VII.	Chippawa	Install
April	19	5. Sussex	Brockville	Confer d's within tm.
April	20	123. Belleville	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
April	25	192. Orillia	Orillia	Divine Service
April	25	496. University	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
April	26	68. St. John's	Ingersoll	Lodge of Instruction
April	27	515. Reba	Brantford	Confer d's within tm.
April	27	25. Ionic	Toronto	Confer d'e within tm.
April	30	510. Parkdale	Toronto	Change hour of mtg.
April	30	44. St. Thomas	St. Thomas	To initiate
April	30	440. Arcadia	Minden	Confer d'e within tm.
April	30	322. North Star	Owen Sound	Confer d'e within tm.
May	1	79. Simcoe	Bradford	Hold a concert
May	1	518. Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Divine Service
May	1	16. St. Andrew's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	1	426. Stanley	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	7	58. Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
May	8	168. Merritt	Welland	Divine Service
May	8	403. Windsor	Windsor	At Home
May	8	58. Doric	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
May	8	435. Havelock	Havelock	Divine Service
May	9	127. Frank	Frankford	Confer d's within tm.
May	9	22. King Solomon's	Toronto	To initiate
May	9	472. Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine Service
May	11	9. Union	Napanee	Confer d's within tm.
May	11	384. Alpha	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	12	440. Arcadia	Minden	Confer d's within tm.
May	12	180. Speed	Guelph	Lodge of Instruction
May	14	491. Cardinal	Cardinal	Confer d'e within tm.
May	14	486. Silver	Cobalt	Divine Service
May	14	283. Eureka	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
May	15	465. Carleton	Carp	Divine Service
May	15	238. Havelock	Watford	To install
May	17	264. Chaudiere	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
May	18	345. Nilestown	Nilestown	Divine Service
May	19	496. University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
May	19	481. Corinthian	Toronto	Divine Service
May	22	481. Corinthian	Toronto	At Home
May	22	56. Victoria	Sarnia	Confer d'e within tm.
May	23	239. Tweed	Tweed	Divine Service
May	25	129. Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service
May	26	137. Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine Service
May	26	239. Tweed	Tweed	To install
May	28	513. Corinthian	Hamilton	Confer d's within tm.
May	28	499. Port Arthur	Port Arthur	Divine Service
May	28	82. St. John's	Paris	To install

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1917				
May	29 165	Burlington	Burlington	Confer d'e within tm.
May	29 517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	Divine Service
May	29 194	Petrolia	Petrolia	Divine Service
May	31 386	McColl	West Lorne	Divine Service
June	2 450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Divine Service
June	4 103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	To initiate
June	4 453	Royal	Fort William	To initiate
June	4 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To elect
June	4 412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	Divine Service
June	4 384	Alpha	Toronto	To initiate
June	5 482	Bancroft	Bancroft	To initiate
June	5 258	Guelph	Guelph	To install
June	6 75	St. John's	Toronto	To install
June	6 309	Morning Star	Carlow	Divine Service
June	7 157	Century	Merlin	Divine Service
June	7 400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine Service
June	7 52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	7 504	Otter	Lombardy	To install
June	7 231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Confer d's within tm.
June	8 30	Composite	Whitby	Divine Service
June	8 93	Northern Light	Kincardine	Divine Service
June	8 184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service
June	8 184	Old Light	Lucknow	At Home
June	8 299	Victoria	Centreville	To install
June	8 299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine Service
June	8 110	Central	Prescott	Divine Service
June	8 38	Trent	Trenton	Divine Service
June	8 11	Moira	Belleville	Confer d's within tm.
June	8 77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine Service
June	9 406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	Divine Service
June	9 297	Preston	Preston	To initiate
June	9 256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	Divine Service
June	9 373	Copestone	Welland	Divine Service
June	9 375	Lorne	Omeme	Divine Service
June	9 157	Simpson	Newboro	Divine Service
June	11 496	University	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	11 254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine Service
June	11 485	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine Service
June	11 38	Trent	Trenton	Change day of mtg.
June	12 120	Warren	Fingal	Divine Service
June	12 143	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois	Divine Service
June	12 114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine Service
June	12 91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine Service
June	12 404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine Service
June	12 41	St. George's	Kingsville	Confer d's within tm.
June	12 193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine Service
June	13 41	St. George's	Kingsville	Divine Service
June	13 236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service
June	13 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine Service
June	13 302	St. David's	St. Thomas	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date 1917	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
June	13 47	Great Western	Windsor	Hold an excursion
June	13 398	Victoria	Kirkfield	Divine Service
June	13 56	Victoria	Sarnia	Divine Service
June	13 491	Cardinal	Cardinal	Divine Service
June	14 487	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine Service
June	14 196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service
June	14 219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine Service
June	14 17	St. John's	Coburg	Divine Service
June	14 17	St. John's	Coburg	To install
June	14 283	Eureka	Belleville	Divine Service
June	14 159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service
June	15 221	Mountain	Thorold	Divine Service
June	15 483	Granton	Granton	Divine Service
June	15 414	Pequonga	Kenora	Divine Service
June	15 24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Divine Service
June	15 497	St. Andrew's	Arden	Divine Service
June	15 516	Enterprise	Beachburg	Divine Service
June	15 530	Cochrane	Cochrane	Divine Service
June	15 420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine Service
June	16 512	Malone	Sutton W.	Divine Service
June	16 233	Doric	Parkhill	Confer d's within tm.
June	16 287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Divine Service
June	16 101	Corinthian	Peterborough	Divine Service
June	16 459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine Service
June	16 147	Mississippi	Almonte	To install
June	18 339	Orient	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June	18 37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine Service
June	18 312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine Service
June	18 360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine Service
June	18 489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To install
June	19 519	Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	Divine Service
June	19 115	Ivy	Beamsville	Divine Service
June	19 285	Seven Star	Alliston	Divine Service
June	19 33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine Service
June	19 393	Forest	Chesley	Divine Service
June	19 55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine Service
June	19 329	King Solomon	Jarvis	Divine Service
June	19 345	Nilestown	Nilestown	To install
June	19 356	River Park	Streetsville	Divine Service
June	19 368	Salem	Brockville	Divine Service
June	19 385	Spry	Beeton	Divine Service
June	19 402	Central	Essex	To install
June	19 403	Windsor	Windsor	Divine Service
June	19 482	Bancroft	Bancroft	Divine Service
June	20 376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine Service
June	20 249	Caledonian	Midland	Divine Service
June	20 201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service
June	20 441	Westport	Westport	Divine Service
June	20 62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Divine Service
June	20 511	Connaught	W. Fort William	Divine Service

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Date	No.	Lodge	Location	Purpose
1917				
June 21	461	Ionic.	Rainy River	Divine Service
June 21	405	Mattawa	Mattawa	Divine Service
June 21	14	True Britons	Perth	Divine Service
June 21	291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Divine Service
June 21	458	Wales	Wales	Divine Service
June 21	456	Elma	Monktou	To install
June 21	30	Composite	Whitby	To initiate
June 21	393	Forest.	Chesley	To initiate
June 22	63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Divine Service
June 22	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	Divine Service
June 22	85	Rising Sun	Athens	Divine Service
June 22	57	Harmony	Binbrook	Divine Service
June 25	377	Lorne	Shelburne	Divine Service
June 25	316	Doric	Toronto	To hold a picnic.
June 26	514	St. Alban's	Toronto	Confer d's within tm.
June 26	203	Irvine	Elora	Divine Service
June 26	69	Stirling.	Stirling.	Divine Service
June 27	394	King Solomon.	Thamesford.	Divine Service
June 27	274	Kent	Blenheim	Divine Service
June 27	471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	Divine Service
June 27	263	Forest.	Forest.	To initiate
June 27	48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine Service
June 27	452	Avonmore.	Avonmore	Divine Service
June 28	498	King George V	Coboconk	Divine Service
June 29	423	Strong	Sundridge	Divine Service
June 29	447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls	Divine Service
June 30	260	Washington.	Petrolia	To initiate
July 3	24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	Confer d's within tm.
July 3	314	Blair	Palmerston	Divine Service
July 4	127	Frank	Frankford	Divine Service
July 4	503	Inwood.	Inwood.	Divine Service
July 4	228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	Divine Service
July 4	519	Onondaga	Onondaga	Divine Service
July 5	462	Temiscaming.	New Liskeard	Divine Service
July 6	428	Fidelity.	Port Perry.	Change meeting night
July 6	268	Verulam.	Bobcaygeon.	Divine Service
July 7	17	Prince Edward	Picton	Confer d's within tm.
July 10	154	Irving.	Lucan	Divine Service
July 11	479	Russell	Russell	Divine Service
July 11	428	Fidelity	Port Perry.	Confer d's within tm.
July 16	338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Divine Service

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to most respectfully submit
my report as District Deputy Grand Master of
Erie District No. 1, during the Masonic year just
closed.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express
my sincere thanks and appreciation to the brethren
for the high and important honour they bestowed
upon me in electing me to this office, and the
kindness and courtesy shown to me by the brethren
of the district on my official visits, which has
made my term of office one of great pleasure. I
am very grateful to those who have assisted and
accompanied me on almost all of my visits to the
different lodges throughout the district, especially
R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Gatfield, R. W. Bro. Robt.
Healy, V. W. Bros. J. F. Reid and V. Williamson,
and W. Bros. E. B. Winter, B. W. Cox and D. A.
Chater, for most valuable assistance given me.

It gives me very great pleasure to report that
in visiting the sixteen lodges in Erie District No. 1,
I found the officers most earnestly endeavouring
to perform their duties in a very creditable manner.

Official Duties.

On November 22nd, 1916, I dedicated the
lodge rooms of Xenophon Lodge No. 448, Wheatley,
as per instructions from the M. W. the Grand
Master.

On April 11th, 1917, a Lodge of Instruction
was held at Windsor, under the auspices of Ontario

Lodge No. 521, which was believed to be one of the most successful and largest lodges of instruction ever held in Erie District No. 1, there being over six hundred in attendance. The district was well represented.

I have visited the sixteen lodges in my district, during my term of office, and it gives me great pleasure to report very favourably of each and every lodge, on the high standard of the work and the flourishing condition of Masonry in this district.

In conclusion I beg leave to again most sincerely thank all the brethren of the district for the kind and courteous manner in which I have been received on all my official visits to the different lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. DOUGLAS, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Erie District No. 1, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Mem- bership	Degr. Conf'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergency	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance		
34	Thistle.....	Amerherstburg.....	131	7	2	7	4	3	1								8	12	20	18	15	150	00	30	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	\$ 800 00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	188	11		16	7	8			1	1	5			2	12	13	25	30	195	00	10	101	15	Dec.	Good	Yes	2880 00	
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	268			9	11	11	16							5	11	22	33	24	65	00	14	215	40	Dec.	Good	Yes		
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	698	50		60	59	51			2	6	1			4	10	12	51	75	240	00	50	530	00	Jun.	Good	Yes	500 00	
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	301	7		16	16	17								1	14	8	22	30	177	00	6	177	00	Jan.	Good	Yes	1500 00	
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	133	12		3	12	12	11		1	3				2	12	6	18	25	60	00	12	230	00	July	Good	No	500 00	
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	181	2		2	10	11	9	1		1	1			1	13	13	15		26	92	25	June	Excellent	Good	Yes	1800 00		
395	Parvair.....	Comber.....	64	5		3	4	2	1							1	10	5	15	18		41	147	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00		
402	Central.....	Essex.....	101	7		1	7	7								1	10	5	15	18		41	147	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	300 00		
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	114	16		39	38	37	10		3	2				2	21	2	10	52	60	625	00	23	220	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	800 00
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	93	7		1	5	5	2		1	1				1	8	1	12	23	150	00	11	200	00	Dec.	Good	Yes	Trustees	
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	51	10		1	7	7	7	3						1	11	6	17	12		9	115	75	Jun.	Fair	No	1000 00		
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	57	11		2	11	11	8							2	10	10	20	18		5	12	25	Jan.	Good	Yes	300 00		
487	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	83	1		7	7	6								2	11	7	18	20		6	12	25	Jan.	Good	No			
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	76	6		5	5	1			1					2	10	10	20	18		6	21	00	Feb.	Good	Yes	350 00		
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	129	34		34	23	23									12	18	30	50		20	253	00	July	Excellent	Yes	Trustees		

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As my term of office, as D.D.G.M., draws to a close, it becomes my pleasant duty to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1a. In the performance of the duties of that office I have received the most hearty and fraternal support from my brethren, and I appreciate it most highly. The most loyal spirit has always been in evidence, and only one small passing cloud during the last few weeks has marred the otherwise perfect harmony of the craft. Particularly to my brethren of both St. Thomas lodges am I grateful for their support.

The composition of the new district works very satisfactorily, although it seems to me that some of the lodges might have been more conveniently placed. Some of the more western lodges would, I think, be better served and better satisfied in their old district, and one or two like Springfield on the east, might very well be in this district; but on the whole things are not bad as they are, and a couple of years' experience which show what changes, if any, are advisable. It seems to me, however, that some better name for the district might be selected, as there is some opportunity for confusion between Erie District No. 1, and Erie District No. 1a.

Two or three lodges in the district have a hard time showing any progress, and it seems due to the never ending efforts of a few strong souls that they continue to exist at all. Personally, I have grave doubts if the result is worth the effort. Their work might show better results if it were exerted in behalf of the next nearest lodge, the weak one being allowed to die. We would have fewer, but better, lodges and good work would have a chance of accomplishing something worth while.

Very many brethren from the district are fighting for their country overseas, and practically every lodge mourns some who will never return. They sleep today beneath the lilies of France because they had a real appreciation of some of the most vital and fundamental truths of our great order.

We have lost, too, many who have in the past been the strength of our society. To mention only a couple, there were W. Bro. Stephens, Master of Dufferin Lodge, Melbourne, and Presbyterian minister there, who died while this Grand Lodge was in session at London; and R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, of West Lorne, the most outstanding Mason in the district and a Past D.D.G.M., who has for over fifty years of Masonic life exerted an enormous influence on his brethren and inspired them to continual improvement in all that is good and great. We shall miss him greatly but his influence will remain for many years.

The business of the lodges is, in general, well conducted, the secretaries being efficient and faithful. Two or three Secretaries are slow and somewhat neglectful in making their various reports, and it is, of course, probable that these are neglectful and inefficient in other respects; but on the whole the lodges are well served by their Secretaries.

Official Visits.

The evening of September 6th, 1916, I was very pleasantly entertained by Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell, on my first official visit. W. Bro. Johnson and his staff conferred the first degree and did it well. The lodge is apparently prosperous and efficient.

On September 8th I visited Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate, and again witnessed the first degree. I was sorry both Wardens were absent, but glad that the lodge has Past Masters willing and able to fill in when required. The work was well done, especially that of W. Bro. Taylor, the W. M., who, in addition to doing his own work splendidly, gave the Junior Warden's charge also.

Because the regular meeting of Sydenham Lodge No. 255 conflicted with the meeting of my home lodge, W. Bro. Blackburn kindly suggested calling an emergency meeting to receive me, and I visited there on Thursday, September 14th. The third degree was beautifully exemplified, W. Bro. Jeffs, the Secretary, assisting the W. M.. The Dresdenites were more than usually successful in making their visitors feel at home.

On Thanksgiving Day, October 9th, I visited Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville, and saw them confer the E. A. degree. The junior officers are efficient, but on the whole the work of this lodge was not of as high a standard as I had expected. A pleasant feature was the presentation of a P. M's jewel to one of the Past Masters, and also a farewell presentation to one of Tecumseh's soldier members, who was on the point of leaving for the front. It is only fair to say that this lodge has, in V.W. Bro. Pye, the promptest and most particular Secretary in the district, so far, at any rate, as making reports to the D.D.G.M. is concerned.

I visited Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne, on October 11th, when the M. M. degree was conferred by W. Bro. George Stephenson and his staff. He was immediate P. M. but resumed the chair on the death of W. Bro. Stevens. He is in earnest and did splendid work, as did also the S. D. and Wardens.

On Friday, October 20th I visited Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence. It was the only occasion during the year when I was not accompanied by some of the St. Thomas Masons. Owing to inclement weather the attendance was small and no candidate appeared, the W.M. offered to exemplify the degree on a dummy candidate, but as they displayed splendid work in opening and closing in all degrees, and in the general conduct of the lodge, I considered this unnecessary. This lodge deserves the reputation it bears among its neighbours, the work of the Deacons in particular.

On Thursday, November 2nd, I officially visited my own lodge, St. Thomas No. 44. There was a

very large attendance, including brethren from all parts of the district, and also a party from London, headed by R. W. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, D.D.G.M. of London District. The work was the E. A. degree, conferred in old 44's usual manner, and I am sure everyone present had a most enjoyable evening. I received a beautiful set of regalia from the district. The evening will always remain one of the bright spots in my memory.

There were twenty-six of us in the party that drove out to Lawrence Station, when I visited Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, on November 3rd. The quarters here are quite cramped and we almost put the Lawrence members out of their home, but they gave us a royal welcome and conferred a very fair second degree, especially W. Bro. Galbraith himself.

Rodney Lodge No. 411 was visited on November 8th, when the Fellowcraft degree was very fairly put on by W. Bro. Shaw and his staff. A presentation was made to W. Bro. McVicar on his departure from Rodney. This is one of the lodges which has a hard row to hoe, and though prospects looked rather brighter at the time of my visit, I am doubtful of any large measure of progress for it.

W. Bro. Hurley, of Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe, also conferred a second degree when I visited there on November 9th. The work was excellent, the dues are in first class shape. The lodge is one of the best in the district. W. Bro. C. B. McLean, the Secretary, resigned the night I was there, but his successor, Bro. Doull, also seems to be efficient and careful.

Tuesday, November 14th was a stormy night, and the attendance was not large on my visit to St. Mark's Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley. The work, the second degree, was good; the staff, from W. Bro. Williams down, being very capable. It is an old lodge and a good one.

On December 5th I made my official visit to another of our oldest lodges—Warren Lodge No. 120, at Fingal, and W. Bro. Scott and his officers

conferred the Fellowcraft degree. The work was good and the visit proved one more of many pleasant visits to Warren Lodge.

The next night, December 6th, was also like a re-union to many of the St. Thomas brethren, who have vivid recollections of former good times spent as guests of Cameron Lodge No. 232 at Dutton. The second degree was well conferred by a capable staff under W. Bro. Galbraith.

My official visit to Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, was made on January 31st. The exemplification of the second degree was very well done, the W. M. being ably supported by his officers, and the general effect was much enhanced by a particularly good candidate. This lodge has always been one of the best and it is keeping up to its old standard.

I visited Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown, on February 5th. The first degree was conferred, but the work was not up to the standard which should be found in a lodge of the size, age and reputation of this one. Judging by the books and reports, the lodge is prosperous, but there is a looseness about its work which is not worthy of it.

The train which took me to West Lorne on February 6th was late, but the brethren of McColl Lodge No. 386 showed a forbearing and fraternal spirit, which was truly commendable. The E. A. degree was well conferred. The Master is a young man, earnest and capable, and he is backed up by a staff of the same kind, and an enthusiastic membership, which turns out to help things along. At this meeting I met R. W. Bro. Milner in lodge for the last time. He was to the last an example and inspiration to his brethren.

I have witnessed the work of St. David's Lodge No. 302 many times during the year, but the official occasion was on February 15th. W. Bro. A. A. Ingram and his capable staff conferred the first degree and the work was, as usual, excellent. I hesitate to say much about St. David's, as it is almost like my own lodge to me.

I left the smallest lodge in the district, Hammond, No. 327, Wardsville, to the last, being there on April 30th. The second degree was conferred, and, considering the difficulties, better than some other lodges, but the small membership and irregular attendance make it a continual struggle to keep going. They are, however, all right financially, and the prospects look rather brighter recently. Dr. H. A. Wilson, the Secretary, would be a tower of strength to any lodge.

Lodge of Instruction.

We held a Lodge of Instruction at St. Thomas on April 26th, which was an unqualified success. A large crowd was present, every lodge in the district being represented except those at Ridgetown, Highgate and Wardsville, and many were also I felt my responsibility and the opportunities which present from outside the district. The first degree was exemplified by Dufferin Lodge No. 364, the second by Malahide Lodge No. 140, and the third by Sydenham Lodge No. 255. The work in each case was well done, and the discussion and criticism, which ensued, must have been helpful to everyone present. Now that my term of office is over, I would like to express my appreciation of my election, and even more for the support and loyalty which has been so much in evidence throughout the year. My brethren of Erie District No. 1a have made it a very enjoyable year for me.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. W. JUDD,

D.D.G.M. Erie District No. 1a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Erie District No. 1a, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held		Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.									Regular	Emergency	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members		
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	394	13		17	16	17	7			6	12	15	27	58	125	00	15	49	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	\$2000 00	
94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	84	4		5	4	2				1	11	2	13	12	75	00	3	9	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Yes	250 00	
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	48		1	2	2	1				1	11	1	12	12			13	43	00	Jan.	1916	Fair	Yes	600 00	
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	134	9	1	6	6	6	1			1	13	3	16	38			29	131	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	1000 00	
171	Pr. of Wales.....	Lawrence Station..	53	1		2	3	2	1			1	13	13	15				10	28	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	96	3		3	1	4				1	13	1	14	20			14	107	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	500 00	
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	84	3	1	2	2	2	1			1	11	1	12	34	116	50	5	57	75	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	400 00	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	93	9		8	6	1	1			2	11	7	18				5	150	00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	92		1	2	1	1	1			2	13	3	16	18			51	50	31	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	300 00	
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	346	11		20	18	15	2			2	11	9	20	31	51	50	31	122	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	2000 00	
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	30	3	2	3	1					1	5	5	10				1	38	00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Yes	400 00	
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	68		2	6	6	7	1	1		1	12	7	19	21	200	00	2	74	66	Mar.	1917	Good	Yes	700 00	
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	53	2		4	4					2	12	2	14	14			2	21	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	600 00	
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	115	8		9	8					1	10	6	16	18	108	25	9	66	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	54		1	11	6	9	1			1	12	4	16	15			52	237	58	Mar.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	134	12	6	2						1	19	9	9				11	70	00	Jan.	1917	Fair	Yes	250 00	
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	41			6	2			6		1	9	9					2	80	20	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	210 00	
422	Star of the East	Bothwell.....	66		1	2	2	2	2			1	11	1	12	21	112	31	2	70	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	210 00	

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I tender my report upon the condition of Masonry in the district which has been my pleasure to represent.

I have visited each lodge once officially and a number of them I have visited on other occasions. Masonry throughout St. Clair District No. 2 is in a most promising condition, the conferring of the degrees uniform, and I can only report harmony and progress from one end to the other.

The honour the brethren of this district conferred on me by electing me to the honourable position of D.D.G.M. has been most heartily appreciated and I wish to assure them that the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on my visits will never be forgotten.

It was only when I came to realize the position in which I had been placed and the splendid class of men whom I was called upon to represent, that it offered and which in my humble way I have endeavoured to make use of.

It has been my aim, while visiting the lodges, not only to help and encourage uniformity of work in the different degrees, and to confer them as impressively as possible, and also to demonstrate in their daily lives those noble and glorious principles which are taught between the tyled recesses of our lodge, so that when a man is said to be a Mason the world may know at large that he is one to whom the heart may pour forth its sorrows and the distressed prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence, and in nearly every case where I had spoken along the higher principles of our institutions the brethren received it as though they had been hungering for something more substantial than the mere working

of the degrees, which convinces me more than ever that possibly we are neglecting in some measure the more important side of Masonry.

Before starting out on my official visits I appointed W. Bro. E. B. Phelps as my Secretary, who, by his zeal for the work, the willingness with which he accompanied me on my visits and so faithfully discharging all the other duties of his office, will long be remembered by me.

I am also extremely grateful to the other brethren who accompanied me on my visits, adding a great deal of interest to the meetings.

Masonry throughout the district is in a prosperous condition. Membership is increasing, not only in numbers but the quality of the members who are being admitted, as far as has come under my observation, is of a very high character, which goes to show that the example and lives of the members are attracting the very best manhood in the land; and I must not fail to mention the enthusiasm, the harmony, and the progress which are so noticeable in almost every lodge in the district.

Our Lodge of Instruction, which was held in Sarnia, on the 28th of February, under the auspices of the three blue lodges, was a wonderful success.

I wish just here to express my heartfelt gratitude to the brethren of the Sarnia lodges for the hearty manner in which they arranged and carried out in every detail all necessary preparations, which made it the splendid success it was.

It was also very gratifying to see every lodge in the district well represented. At the afternoon session about 350 were in attendance and in the evening about 500, which goes to show that Masonry in St. Clair District is very much alive. We also had the honour of having the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, of Hamilton; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, of Toronto; and a host of other R. W. brethren present at both sessions. In the afternoon session the E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Husband and officers of Pynx

Lodge No. 312, of Wallaceburg. The work of this degree was commented upon most favourably. Following this W. Bro. Steadman and officers of Petrolia Lodge No. 194 exemplified the Fellowcraft degree, the work being splendidly done.

Among those present, and without which a Lodge of Instruction would not be complete, were our aged and venerable brothers R. W. Bro. Jno. Sinclair, of Petrolia, and R. W. Bro. Milner, of West Lorne, whose kindly advice and sterling qualities have endeared them to every brother in the district. Since that time R. W. Bro. Milner has passed to the Grand Lodge above. Lodge was called off at 5.30 when about 350 brethren repaired to the Masonic temple, where the ladies had prepared a banquet which would grace the table of a king.

We resumed labour at about 8.30, when R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders and R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless were appointed as a committee to introduce the guests of the evening, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M. of Hamilton, and R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, of Toronto.

The M. M. degree was then exemplified by W. Bro. A. J. Stoner, of Beaver Lodge No. 83, of Strathroy, assisted by a splendid staff of officers, the work being done in a manner that would do credit to any lodge. Some very complimentary remarks were passed by the Worshipful brethren and a little discussion took place. We were also honoured in the evening by having present with us R. W. Bro. R. Anderson, of Pine Grove Lodge, Pt. Huron, and who fills the honourable office of G.S.D. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; also a large number of the brethren from Pt. Huron and Fort Gratiot lodges were present. We had the pleasure, as well as the privilege, of listening to a number of excellent addresses from the following brethren:

R. W. Bro. A. Weir, of Victoria Lodge; W. Bro. Campbell, of Inwood Lodge; R. W. Bro. R. Anderson, G.S.W. of the G. L. of Michigan; Bro. Rev. Canon Davis, of Victoria Lodge, Sarnia; R.

W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, of Toronto, who gave a very interesting address; and also the speech of the evening by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M. of Hamilton.

We feel very much indebted to these brethren, who rendered us such splendid service and whose addresses on Masonry will long be remembered by the brethren of St. Clair District.

Our Lodge of Instruction was held in the City Hall, as our lodge room would not begin to accommodate those present. "God Save the King" ended one of the most enthusiastic, instructive, and most interesting, Lodges of Instruction ever held in St. Clair District No. 2.

Ionic Lodge No. 328, Napier. This was my first official visit and was I accompanied by a number of Strathroy brethren. About 35 brethren were present, including a number of visitors. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sawers and officers who did their work very creditably. The lodge is in fair condition and the books well kept.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges. I visited this lodge on October 10th. About 25 members and visitors present, mostly visitors. There was no degree work, as they have had only one candidate during the year. Masonry here is not very prosperous, but they hope soon to be in a more thriving condition. The finances of the lodge are in a very good condition and the books are well kept.

Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford. I was accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren on my official visit to this lodge, which was on the 6th of November. The M. M. degree was conferred by P. M. Morrison in a most impressive manner, the other chairs were also filled by P.Ms., the regular officers having moved away. W. Bro. Clarke makes a good Secretary. At the close of the lodge we sat down to a splendid banquet.

Havelock Lodge No. 238, Watford. Accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren, I visited Havelock Lodge on November 7th, where a large

number of brethren and visitors were present. The E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Howden and officers and was done in a manner that reflected much credit on the lodge. This was one of the largest and most successful meetings in the history of the lodge.

Huron Lodge No. 392, Camlachie. The work of the evening was performed by W. Bro. Brown and officers in an exemplification of the M. M. degree. This lodge is not making very much progress, although I notice from their reports that this year is much better than last year. After the work of the evening was completed we partook of a most excellent banquet. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The brethren of Huron Lodge are fine fellows.

Alexandria Lodge No. 158, Oil Springs. On October 12th, accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren, I paid my official visit to this lodge. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Zavitz and officers, and the work was well done. They have a very proficient set of officers and are comfortably situated in their own hall. A very fine banquet was enjoyed

Alvinston Lodge No. 323, Alvinston. On Jan. 3rd I visited Alvinston Lodge. About 35 members and visitors were present. The F. C. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Corbert, who was assisted by an able staff of officers. The work of the evening showed the result of careful study and training and was above criticism.

The Alvinston Lodge is to be congratulated on having such a splendid staff of enthusiastic officers who possess those qualities which make good men and Masons. It is also their good fortune to have a goodly number of faithful and efficient Past Masters who are deeply interested in the welfare of the lodge. Some very appropriate and instructive addresses were given by some of the brethren at the banquet which followed. They have a splendidly furnished hall and everything about the room has an air of comfort. The future of this lodge does indeed look bright.

Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming. I visited Burns Lodge on Jan. 4th. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred by W. Bro. Brown and officers in a very creditable manner. About 35 of the brethren were present including a number of visitors. A banquet was served at the close of the lodge and a number of short speeches were given.

Moore Lodge No. 294, Courtright. There was a very fair attendance, about 30 members and visitors being present. W. Bro. Harkness conferred the 2nd degree and the work was well done. The brethren of Moore Lodge are to be congratulated on their lodge room, which they have just re-decorated and furnished and which is now one of the most cosy and home-like lodge rooms in the district. Their prospects are good for a bright future.

Forest Lodge No. 263, Forest. On Jan. 31st I paid my official visit to Forest Lodge. There was a very fair attendance. W. Bro. Benjamin and officers conferred the E. A. degree in an almost faultless manner. Bro. Benjamin has a splendid delivery and does his work most impressively. Forest lodge is to be congratulated on having such an able Master, and, supported by a splendid staff of officers, the future of Forest Lodge looks very favourable indeed.

Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden. I was especially delighted on my visit to Leopold Lodge, for there I met a large number of the associates of my school days. W. Bro. Poland exemplified the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner and was ably assisted by a splendid staff of officers. After the degree work was completed we listened to a number of interesting addresses by some of the brethren. Masonry here is in a very prosperous condition.

Inwood Lodge No. 503, Inwood. I visited this lodge on Feb. 5th. About forty members and visitors were present. It was a very interesting trip as our auto had to be shovelled out of a snow drift a number of times, and finally W. Bro. Campbell landed me safely there by cutter. W. Bro. Gra-

ham and a well trained staff of officers exemplified the E. A. degree. The work was done in a most efficient and impressive manner. The attendance here was the largest in proportion to their membership of any lodge I have visited in the district. The Masons of Inwood Lodge are a most enthusiastic bunch of fellows. They have their lodge well furnished. Their finances are in good condition and everything points to a bright and successful future.

Pnyx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg. On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by over one hundred brethren from Sarnia and the intervening points and we were most royally welcomed and entertained by the Wallaceburg brethren. This being the first time Pnyx lodge was in our district, we wanted them to feel we were glad to have them with us. W. Bro. Husband, assisted by his officers, exemplified the M. M. degree in a manner that reflected much credit on themselves and the lodge. The brethren have a large, well furnished and up-to-date lodge room. Masonry here seems to be in a flourishing condition and no doubt they have a bright future awaiting them.

Bismarck Lodge No. 419, Sarnia. On Monday, Feb. 12th I made my official visit here. About forty brethren were present and witnessed the exemplification of the E. A. degree in a most perfect and impressive manner by W. Bro. A. McLocklin and officers. The work was above criticism. W. Bro. McLocklin is a most enthusiastic Master and all he does is right up to the letter. R. W. Bro. T. Paul, of Burns Lodge, Past D.D.G.M., then conferred the E. A. degree on his own brother with the same grace and dignity as when in the harness. One of the features of the evening was a very interesting address by Capt. Allen, who fought in the battle of Mons. It was listened to with a very great deal of interest. Bismarck Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Their finances, in the hands of W. Bro. W. Alcock, are taken good care of.

Tuscan Lodge No. 437, Sarnia. This is my mother lodge and it was indeed a very great deal of pleasure to make my official visit here. It was

a beautiful evening and I was welcomed by about one hundred and twenty-five of the brethren. The E. A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. F. C. Slater and his able staff of officers. The work was done in a most capable and efficient manner. The J. W. lecture, as delivered by Bro. R. Garrett, is deserving of special mention. It was put on somewhat different from any other lodge in the district as it is exemplified on the floor of the lodge. There are three wooden columns made to represent the three orders of Architecture to which they refer. The mosaic pavement with its indented skirting is laid on the floor of the lodge. The seven stars are placed in the west over the S. W. Chair. The square and compasses and volume of the Sacred Law, when referred to, are those on the altar. The ladder that rests on the V. of the S. L. is one made for the purpose and stands on the volume of the S. L. on the altar. On its staves are the three emblems, Faith, Hope and Charity. The movable jewels are those made use of in the work and immovable jewels are the ashlar on the floor of the lodge and a tracing board made for the purpose; the four tassels hang from the four corners of the lodge. When well done is the most effective manner in which I ever saw it exemplified. Following the work a splendid banquet was served and a number of very interesting and instructive addresses from the brethren. The prospects of Tuscan Lodge are the best. It has now 299 members, being the largest lodge in the district. W. Bro. W. J. Barrie keeps the books in good condition. The finances are A.1., having between two and three thousand dollars to our credit in the bank. The officers are well supported by a goodly number of P. Ms., who are always on hand and are well skilled in Masonry.

St. Clair Lodge No. 425, Sombra. About forty brethren were present on my visit here, also a large number of visitors from Marine City, Mich. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Kelly and officers in a manner that called forth many flattering remarks. The brethren own their lodge room here and are getting along most successfully, both financially and otherwise. Two candidates were

lected to membership and everything points to prosperity. They have a most efficient Secretary. They have also a number of good staunch P. Ms. who are a good support to the lodge.

Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy. On Feb. 2nd I paid my official visit here. There were about fifty brethren present. W. Bro. Stoner and officers conferred the M. M. degree. The work was done almost word perfect and done most impressively. A large number of P. Ms. were present and the evening was a most enjoyable one. The manner in which the degree was conferred shows a good deal of individuality on the part of its officers. Following the degree work some very elevating addresses were listened to, one particularly deserving of mention was the address by R. W. Bro. Milner who has been a member upwards of fifty years, having never missed a regular meeting during that time. Beaver shows every sign of prosperity. and a bright future. I must not fail to mention the many courtesies and kindness I received from the Strathroy brethren who assisted me in every way possible at all times.

Petrolia Lodge No. 194; Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia. I had the pleasure of visiting both these lodges on the same evening. About twenty of the Sarnia brethren accompanied me. W. Bro. Steadman, of Petrolia Lodge exemplified the F. C. degree, the work being well done. W. Bro. Burleigh, of Washington Lodge, conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, his officers having their work well in hand. After the work of the evening we repaired to the banquet hall where the Women's Institute had a most beautifully arranged and tastily spread table. Both the Petrolia lodges are in a prosperous condition and the brethren are to be congratulated on the splendid success they make of everything they take in hand. They are indeed a lot of jolly good fellows and the Sarnia brethren are always delighted to pay them a visit.

Later I visited Petrolia Lodge on their P. Ms.' night, R. W. John Sinclair conferring the E. A. degree in a very able manner. I also visited Wash-

ington Lodge at a later date and had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. McNaughton with a Past Master's jewel.

Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia. On March the 6th I visited Victoria Lodge. This was my last official visit. This is the oldest lodge in the district and it has improved with age. There were about one hundred brethren present and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

W. Bro. Jos. Newton exemplified the first degree and was assisted by an able staff of officers. The degree was conferred on the Rev. W. H. Graham, Pastor of the Central Methodist Church, which made the meeting of more special interest to me. The work was done almost word perfect. W. Bro. Newton is a most enthusiastic Master and Victoria's interests will be well taken care of while under his supervision.

Everything in Victoria Lodge points to a harmonious and prosperous year. Their finances are in splendid condition, between two and three thousand dollars being to their credit in the bank. W. Bro. Andrew B. Johnston takes care of the books in a very capable manner.

On Sunday evening, June 17th, accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren, I attended divine service with the Petrolia brethren at the Methodist Church where it was our privilege to listen to one of the most eloquent Masonic addresses I have ever heard. It was indeed a masterpiece and was the product of a great deal of thought and study being brim full of the most choice, most elevating and most instructive truths which are taught within the lodge.

The music furnished by the choir was delightful and rendered most beautifully. This was a fitting and most splendid service to precede the 50th anniversary which was celebrated the following evening.

On June 18th I had the pleasure of attending the 50th anniversary of Petrolia Lodge, an evening

which will be long remembered by all who attended it. About 200 brethren were present. After lodge was opened and a few minor details disposed of, R. W. Bro. John Sinclair and R. W. Bro. W. Carter, D.D.G.M., were appointed a committee to introduce M. W. Bro. Hon. W. D. McPherson, P.G.M., who was received with Grand honours. We then listened with a good deal of interest to the brethren of forty years and over, telling of some of their experiences of long ago. We then repaired to the banquet hall where the ladies had a banquet spread the like of which is seldom seen. We were then privileged to listen to some of the most eloquent and instructive addresses. Rev. Bro. Dr. Knowles, of Washington, gave the opening address, and it was filled with the most sublime and beautiful truths of Masonry. This was followed by an address by W. Bro. Rev. Campbell, of Inwood Lodge, and was most elevating. M. W. Bro. Hon. W. D. McPherson then delivered the address of the evening in an eloquent and impressive manner. W. Bro. Steadman is to be congratulated on the most successful manner in which this meeting was conducted.

I wish to compliment the district as a whole on the perfection of the ritualistic work, the exemplification of the fundamental principles of Masonry in their lives and devotion to the cause. The able assistance rendered by the P. Ms' and the interest the brethren as a whole are manifesting by their regular attendance.

I desire to thank the brethren for the very hearty reception tendered me on all occasions, and the efforts they put forth to make my visits pleasant and enjoyable. I also wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my visits and which added so much to the interest of the meeting. It has indeed been a most enjoyable year.

In conclusion I wish once more to express to the brethren of the district my thankfulness and appreciation for the honour and pleasure which has been mine during the past year. It has, no doubt,

been the result of the good impressions and the sterling qualities of those splendid brothers who have preceded me. To the brother whose pleasure it will be to follow me, he can only expect such courtesies and kindnesses as those which emanate from brothers whose lives and motives are actuated by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fraternally submitted,

W. CARTER,

D.D.G.M. St. Clair District No.2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in St. Clair District No. 2, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Dear's Confr'd	Meet's held										Total No. of all Mem.	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance										
			Increase during year	Decrease during year		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Regular	Emergency							Total	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages					
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia	277	11	23	17	19	4							3	10	17	27	23	131	00	20	108	25	Dec.	1916	A 1	Excel't	Yes	Board	
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	83		1	1	1	1							4	11	2	13	43	80	00	25	57	24	Dec.	1916	Fair	only fair	No	1800 00	
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	141	4	40	8	7	1							5	13	3	16	10	111	00	12	55	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	143	1	2	2	1	1							1	7	8	1	7	1	00	8	22	00	June	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	141	9	3	5	5	1							1	13	3	16	19	136	50	36	130	45	May	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	79		2	1	2	4							1	13	2	15	15	30	00	33	200	00	June	1917	Good	Good	Yes	28 00	
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	166	6	7	15	8	12							2	11	8	22	35	10	00	37	126	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	266 00	
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	74	5	5	5	5	5							3	5	12	2	11	17	65	00	15	114	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	146	7	7	7	5	3							2	13	4	17	25	1	50	12	132	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Bright	Yes	266 00	
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	100	7	4	3	3	7							3	1	12	5	17	10	10	00	4	15	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	67	2	2	2	2	1							5	1	12	3	15	15	22	00	7	21	00	Dec.	1916	Clear	Good	Yes	None
312	Pyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	117	10	8	9	1	2							3	3	1	12	9	21					Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	85	1	1	3	2	4							2	1	11	1	12	15	21	60	21	101	75	Dec.	1916	Good	V. good	Yes	600 00
328	Ionie.....	Napier.....	56	1	1	1	2	2							1	8	1	9	11	5	00	10	14	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00	
392	Huron.....	Cambridge.....	66		1	1	2	3							1	11	14	16				16	51	50	Jan.	1917	Fair	V. good	Yes	Yes	
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	76	6	6	6	5	2							12	12	12	20				10	50	Feb.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	100 00		
419	Bismarek.....	Sarnia.....	86	5	9	7	12	1							1	9	9	9	20			12	41	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00	
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	91	5	2	5	5	3							2	13	6	19	18	5	00	34	110	25	Dec.	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	Board	
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	299	34	7	30	21	17							4	10	14	21	42	135	00	36	204	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	51	4				3							1	13	2	15	28			3	13	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having completed my official visits of inspection to the lodges of London District No. 3, I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report for the year ending June 30th, 1917. I must first, however, express my sincere appreciation for the honour which the brethren conferred upon me by electing me as their D.D.G.M.. While the work in conjunction with my private avocation has been heavy, it has appealed to me greatly, calling forth my best endeavours, and, I trust, enlarging my vision and broadening my sympathies.

My first official act upon assuming office was the appointment of Bro. J. E. Magee as District Secretary and Rev. C. Cameron Waller D.D., as District Chaplain. Bro. Magee accompanied me on most of my official visits and was always ready to confer with the secretaries of the lodges, examining the lodge books and giving advice where necessary. His assistance has been invaluable to me during my term of office.

I also issued a circular letter of fraternal greeting to the various lodges, directing their attention to several matters of importance and requesting their assistance and co-operation.

Just here I wish to acknowledge the continuous support afforded me by the Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. W. H. Line, who very frequently accompanied me on my official visits. He was heartily welcomed by all the lodges and his earnest addresses on Masonry in general were both helpful and stimulating. In some lodges the real purport in the exemplification of the degrees is lost sight of, the officers being too easily satisfied with a letter perfect recital. I have observed officers endeavouring to instruct a candidate when it seemed to me the import of the words were not fully grasped by the one

who uttered them. I do not agree with the opinion that too much emphasis can be placed upon degree work. The ceremony in a degree when impressively performed will go far in serving to inspire our thoughts with higher ideals. At the same time, a Master whose *only* concern is the exemplification of the degrees to the exclusion of other matters will signally fail, both in his duty to himself and his lodge.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the office of Secretary. Every lodge may not be able to secure an experienced brother for this position. I would suggest that Grand Lodge prepare a system of book-keeping adapted to our work and I am satisfied the lodges would avail themselves of the opportunity to introduce it. To this might be added instructions to the Secretary as to his duties, which would be of value to every new incumbent of the office, enabling him to perform his work more efficiently.

During my visits I have endeavoured to bring before the minds of the brethren in my addresses the particular degree which was being exemplified, by drawing the attention of the brethren to the line of thought presented by it and their duty in building a character accordingly.

Masonry has prospered in this district, over two hundred from all walks in life being added to our members. A fine type of manhood has been led to seek admission by the high standard of the order and its unselfish benevolence, which has been so markedly exhibited during this present war—patriotic and Red Cross work having at all times had its co-operation. Others, after having joined our ranks, have given testimony to the high ideals that were presented to them. In the city of London we have now a Masonic home of which we are justly proud. The blue room is spacious, beautifully decorated and comfortable, and the lodges are vying with each other in doing good work. Great as has been the care exercised in admitting only men who will be a credit to our order, the various

lodges of London are taking steps—and rightly so,—to establish a Central Masonic Bureau. This is finding favour with all lodges and I hope to see it in operation at the beginning of the year 1918.

In my Masonic experience I have never seen meetings so well attended or greater interest manifested in the building of character along Masonic lines.

The traditions of Masonry have ever been upheld. Harmony and good Masonic feeling is everywhere in evidence among the members of the craft and almost without exception there has been growth and prosperity.

Without entering into details, I must state that I cannot commend some of the brethren for the knowledge displayed of the Book of Constitution, if I may judge by some of the actions of some of the officers during my term of office.

The Book of Constitution is commended to the candidates for serious perusal and contemplation, after which it is safely and securely put away and taken up only when difficulties have arisen.

The initiation and affiliation fees have been made uniform in the eight lodges of the city of London—fifty dollars for the former and five dollars for the latter, while the annual dues in the same lodges vary, being \$4.00 in some and \$5.00 in others.

During my term of office I have frequently urged lodges to secure the Musical Ritual, which was approved and adopted by Grand Lodge at its annual communication in July, 1916. By the reception accorded my suggestions that they encourage and utilize music as an adjunct to the ritual, I feel confident that many lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity, and added interest will, no doubt, be the result.

On December 27th, the Festival Day of St. John the Evangelist, by the unanimous request of the Masters of the lodges of the city, I officiated as

their Installing Master in a joint installation ceremony. After the examining board of each lodge reported in writing its Master-elect as fully qualified to perform his duties, he was duly installed. The assistance afforded by R. W. Bro. Line, R. W. Bros. Rowe, Metherrall and V. W. Bro. Bridle, made the ceremony more interesting and impressive.

In my official capacity I visited all the lodges under my supervision and I have endeavoured to keep my fingers on the pulse of Masonry in my district, always holding myself in readiness to give every assistance in my power.

Lodges Visited.

Moffat Lodge No. 399, Harrietsville. I visited this lodge on September 6th, 1916. The lodge was opened in due form. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by a P.M., the Wor. Master acting as S. Warden, the work being well done. The attendance was good and outlook satisfactory. The monthly notices could easily be improved with advantage to the lodge.

After the regular session in the lodge room, earnest and instructive addresses, principally of a patriotic nature, were delivered by R. W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, W. Bros. Adkin, S. F. Glass, C. A. Whitwam and other brethren.

St. George's Lodge No. 42, London. The W. M. and subordinate officers of this lodge are very prompt in opening. The first degree was exemplified on my visit on September 7th; while it was well done it lacked somewhat in impressiveness, apparently caused by the anxiety to get through. The officers are capable of doing good work and are very loyal to their own lodge. This lodge has the distinction of having as its treasurer W. Bro. Skinner, and W. Bro. Andrew Ellis as Secretary, the former having served in that capacity over 40 years and the latter occupying his present office upwards of 35 years to the entire satisfaction of everybody. The attendance was good.

St. Paul's Lodge No. 107, Lambeth. The attendance, on my visit to this lodge on December 6th, was large, notwithstanding that an important Masonic gathering was taking place in London. No degree work. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was fair; but the Master, I believe, is capable of better work than was demonstrated. The lodge is in good condition but the interest is undoubtedly better sustained when degree work is being done. The social and fraternal spirit is well fostered, which could easily be discerned in the treatment of visitors at the close of the regular lodge meeting.

King Solomon Lodge No. 394, Thamesford. My visit to King Solomon Lodge, Thamesford, was made on January 3rd, 1917. The roads were not in good condition which accounted for the attendance not being as large as had been anticipated. I witnessed the initiation of a candidate and notwithstanding that this was the first meeting after installation, the ceremony was commendable. With more deliberation on the part of Master and Wardens the work in the lodge will be performed in an impressive manner. This lodge owns its hall which is one of the most commodious in the district. The members are enthusiastic and harmony prevails.

St. John's Lodge No. 20, London. February 13th was the date of my visit to this, the oldest lodge in the city. The membership is large and the attendance and interest has been well sustained throughout the year. W. Bro. Magill enjoys the distinction of having been re-elected for a second term, an honour well merited. The first degree was conferred in such a manner that credit is due to all the officers.

The work of the Secretary is heavy, nevertheless it is well and conscientiously done. A feature of the monthly notice is a short article on some Masonic truth or virtue which is very acceptable to the brethren. The good advice and assistance of R. W. Bros. Thos Rowe, A. B. Greer and Bro. Macklin ever exert a steady influence in the lodge.

St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London. My official visit was made to this lodge on February 2nd, when the E. A. degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner by the W. M. and his able staff of officers. This is the largest lodge in the city, having a membership of over 470. Its meetings are well attended and the interest and loyalty of its members never wavers. When the M. M. degree is conferred there is always a record attendance as the ceremony is one of unusual interest and instruction. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness, while his monthly notices are full and comprehensive.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London. On my official visit to this lodge on February 16th the attendance was large. The W. M. and his officers conferred the E. A. degree on two candidates in a manner which reflected credit upon themselves and the lodge. The S. W. being absent, his chair was well filled by a prominent Past Master. A pleasing feature of the degree was the music which accompanied it, being much appreciated by all present.

The Secretary of Kilwinning keeps a set of books which cannot be classed other than A.1.

Any lodge in the district desiring improvement would find in the books of this lodge a model of excellence.

Tuscan Lodge No. 195, London. To personally report one's mother lodge has always been a difficult task, the reason of which is apparent. My visit was made on March 5th. The W. M. and officers initiated a candidate in a manner that could not do otherwise than leave a good impression on his mind. The work of the degree was accompanied by a musical recital authorized by Grand Lodge. The membership has more than doubled during the last ten years, while the attendance and interest has likewise increased. The total of arrearages of the lodge is \$2.50, and no suspensions during the year.

To the W. M. and officers is due all the credit for the prosperity of Tuscan Lodge this year.

During the year a number of instructive addresses were given by P. Ms. of this and other lodges.

R. W. Bro. Judd, D.D.G.M. of Erie District No. 1a, was a welcome visitor at this meeting and in a brief address presented the fraternal greetings of his district and lodge.

Union Lodge No. 380, London. For my inspection on March 12th, 1917, the E. A. degree was exemplified by the W. M. Bro. J. D. Moran in a very satisfactory manner. While this is the youngest lodge in the city of London, it is also one of the most progressive in Masonry. The attendance was very good. Union Lodge is always a good entertainer and on this my official visit the social and fraternal side of Masonry was strongly emphasized. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and the outlook splendid.

Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka. I constituted, consecrated and dedicated this lodge on September 27th, 1916, and on my official visit on April 2nd, 1917, I was pleased to note the progress that had been made in the interim. The weather and roads were not favourable for a large attendance. The F. C. degree was conferred by the W. M. and officers in a manner that indicated a desire to make a good impression on the candidates. The lodge was organized about two years ago and received its warrant from Grand Lodge at the last regular communication in July, 1916. The success and growth of Myra Lodge is assured if one may judge by those in office and the interest evinced by them.

Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, Thorndale. May 1st, the occasion of my visit to this lodge, was marked by a rainstorm which continued all day. A few London Masons accompanied me and were well repaid by the hospitality extended to them. The second degree was exemplified in a manner which must have left a good impression. The W. M. and Secretary work well together. It was my privilege, at the request of the lodge, to invest the Secretary, W. Bro. Armstrong, with a Past Master's

jewel. The brethren of Mount Olivet own the hall which is very spacious, and when more furnishings are added, will be one of the best Masonic homes in the district. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Doric Lodge No. 289, Lobo. On the evening of May 3rd, 1917, I made my official visit of inspection to this lodge. This was a record meeting, visitors attending from all the neighbouring lodges, among whom were V. W. Bro. Richardson, of Strathroy. The second degree could only be exemplified after a number of brethren had retired. The degree was well done. The year has been a busy one and the future of the lodge is very promising. The lodge room being too small the brethren have decided to enlarge it this summer.

Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware. I visited this lodge officially on June 1st, 1917. The attendance was small. The W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees very well after which a P. M. conferred the M. M. degree upon a candidate

Better ventilation is necessary and I may say this criticism can be applied to several other lodges in the district. This lodge should be able to do good work and the members are looking forward to a better year than the one just closing.

Henderson Lodge No. 388, Ilderton. My visit to this lodge on June 4th brought my official visits to a very satisfactory close. The attendance was large, completely filling the room. The opening and closing in the three degrees by the W. M. and officers was very well done, and my observation of the general decorum of the lodge impressed me very favourably as to its prospects for good work in the future. The Secretary, who was appointed at the last election of officers, will, no doubt, prove himself an efficient officer. After the close of the lodge instructive addresses were delivered by a number of brethren and were much enjoyed by all present.

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On September 27th, according to instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I constituted, consecrated and dedicated Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka. About one hundred brethren from the city and country, including R. W. Bro. Line, Grand Senior Warden, accompanied me and assisted in the ceremony. The Grand Lodge officers for the occasion were represented by the following brethren:

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In conclusion I desire again to thank my brethren for the many kindnesses shown me during the year, as well as for the assistance they have so cheerfully given me in my endeavours to uphold the banner of Free Masonry in London District. It has been a year of most strenuous work but pleasant withal, as it has had its compensating features

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in the courteous treatment and Masonic spirit which was always in evidence on the occasion of my visits, whether official or otherwise. I trust my efforts for the advancement of Masonry in general and particularly for District No. 3, whose interests I have always carefully guarded, may not have been in vain.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. ZIEGLER, D.D.G.M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in London District No. 3, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confid		Affiliations			Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arts	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance								
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular				Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members																
20	St. John's	London	319	19		20	21	21	9	1	1	3	11	7	18	75	136	80	55	190	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	joint			
42	St. George's	London	203	13		13	13	9	1			1	2	11	2	13	50	100	00	12	60	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	joint			
64	Kilwinning	London	270	7		10	6	8		2	2		2	11	1	12	10	173	50				21	1917	Good	Good	Yes	joint			
107	St. Paul	Lambeth	95	3		4	2	2		1	1		1	13	1	11	27	20	00	5	30	00	Dec.	2	1916	Good	V. good	No	2000 00		
190	Belmont	Belmont	8	2		3	5	9				1	1	13	1	11	30			26	126	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00		
195	Tuscan	London	159	20		17	13	13	6			2	2	11	5	15	27	161	80				250	00	Dec.	27	1916	Excd	Good	Yes	joint
209	St. Johns	London	171	25		32	21	20	1		1	3	1	6	11	12	23	75	262	75	20		June	28	1917	Good	v best	Yes	joint		
289	Doric	Lobo	92	17		15	13	13	1				1	13	3	15	35			18	92	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00		
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	81	15		15	10	12					10	2	12	20	15	00	2	18	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	3000 00			
330	Corinthian	London	249	18		19	16	19	1				2	12	5	17	60	76	30	30	100	00	Dec.	21	1916	Good	Good	Yes	100 00		
344	Merrill	Dorchester	57	2		3	5	7		1			1	10	2	12	18	200	00	15	78	00	Jan.	1	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00		
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	69	4		5	8	8	1			1	1	12	2	14	18			10	90	00	Dec.	26	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00		
358	Delaware Val.	Delaware	58	3		3	1	1	1			4	1	11	1	11	10	20	00	27	110	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Good	No	1500 00		
378	Kg. Solomon's	London	269	14		16	13	13	2	1		2	3	11	7	18	50	40	00	50	00	Jan.	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	joint			
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	47	1		1	1	1				1	1	11	1	12	14			15	60	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250 00		
380	Union	London	391			3	13	10	9	3	3	1	1	5	12	13	15	270	10	51	187	00	June	21	1917	Good	Good	Yes	joint		
388	Henderson	Ilderton	57			5	5	5	1	1		7	1	11	1	15	25	40	00	8	102	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
394	Kg. Solomon's	Thamesford	84	3		3	5	7	1			2	7	13	13	16			11	65	00	Jan.	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	2200 00			
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	53	1		3	3	3				2	2	11	2	13	18	25	00	14	25	00	Jun.	27	1917	Good	Fair	No	.....		
529	Myra	Konoka	35	5		1	4	4	2				1	13	3	16	20			1	18	00	Jan.	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	.....		

† All City of London Lodges carry a joint insurance on Furniture of \$1,000, divided equally among the eight lodges (\$500.00 each.)

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with genuine pleasure that I herewith present my report on the conditions of Masonry in this district for 1916-17. I appreciate the honour conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office in the gift of the craft of the district. I realize even more than before the great trust that this honour and privilege involves. I have visited every lodge once, some oftener. I have endeavoured to answer communications promptly and in all respects to discharge my duty with fidelity and zeal.

I have been greatly pleased with the spirit of zeal and optimism prevailing among officers and members generally. Not only in the accurate and proper rendition of the degree work, and in the neatness and accuracy shown by the Secretaries is this true, but there is an earnest desire to have Masonry hold its rightful place as a moral agency in the community.

Moreover, a noticeable feature throughout the district, almost without exception, is a real desire to extend research into Masonic lore. It was my aim to endeavour to promote this spirit to the fullest extent, and I, therefore, after candidly and kindly criticising and offering suggestions (which were everywhere most graciously received), endeavoured to touch upon something of historical interest or such in my addresses.

The increase in membership of the craft in District No. 4 is flourishing, considering the very unusual conditions prevailing and the fact that so many men have enlisted. Every lodge has its quota of members serving "King and Country." Many have made the Supreme Sacrifice. One of the duties, apparently not neglected in any lodge, is the placing in a prominent position the "Honour

Roll," and in some lodges portraits of some who have died in defence of "Honour, Truth and Justice."

My official visits were a delight to me. I have thus formed many real friendships. They were as follows:

My first visit, officially made, was on November 6th, when Zurich Lodge No. 224, Hensall, exemplified the first degree. The work was well done. Bro. A. W. E. Hemphill, W.M., and his officers are taking a keen interest in Masonry and the younger members are indicating that the high standards set this lodge by such veterans as R. W. Bro. Campbell, W. Bro. McDermid and the late Bro. Scrutton are lived up to. I found present brethren I had known at Grand Lodge and in other circles and felt much at home.

At the conclusion of the work a splendid banquet was arranged. Splendid speeches were given, and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close by singing of the National Anthem.

On November 9th I visited Arkona Lodge No. 307, Arkona. This lodge was newly added to South Huron District by the redistribution of last annual communication. Arkona is a daughter of Doric Lodge, Parkhill, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Dawson and W. Bro. Geo. Fraser arranged that I should go with them from Parkhill. W. Bro. Eastman, the Master, and his splendid group of officers exemplified a first degree in an exemplary manner. The candidate, a returned soldier, no doubt was an incentive to good work. Besides our old friend, Bro. Alex. Thoman, the efficient Secretary, there were present four Past D.D.G.Ms., R. W. Bros. Brodie, Scott, Patterson and Dawson and others most interested in the craft. We regretted the unavoidable absence through sickness of our esteemed R. W. Bro. Alex. Thoman, Sr., and, through death of a beloved daughter, W. Bro. Geo. Brown.

It seems rather unfortunate that Arkona lodge had not appeared before the Committee on redistribution of districts last year. The lodge has

been enthusiastically welcomed into S. Huron No. 4 but, because of the fact that to visit it one has really to go to a town in which there is a lodge in St. Clair District, and thence drive six miles to reach it, and because all the lodges in the near vicinity are in St. Clair District and associations have been formed which are difficult to sever and because the lodge so desires it, I would suggest that they again be placed in St. Clair District.

On December 5th I visited Doric Lodge No. 233, Parkhill, where I was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome. My old friend, Dr. Geo. Fraser, Secretary of the lodge, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Dawson and others did all that mortals could to make my stay enjoyable. The officers of the lodge had a third degree to work and most impressively was it done. Anyone who has witnessed this fine degree, worked with the "Ancient landmarks" (as Bro. Dawson calls them) and with the ardour that W. Bro. McPherson and his staff put into it will never forget it. After the lodge meeting we assembled in the banquet room where splendid addresses were given, among the best of which was one given by W. Bro. Dr. Geo. Racey who had but recently returned from France, where he had been serving King and Country. As Dr. Racey outlined the dangers, the courageous heroism of our Canadian men, and the power of Masonry as he experienced it at this time, the brethren were thrilled. Since my visit to this lodge a sad event occurred. Brother Roger Roberts, who had enlisted with the 135th Batt., and who had been invalided home, died on his arrival in Halifax. He was buried in Parkhill with Masonic honours. R. W. Bro. Chris. Hodgins, of Lucan, taking the ceremony, as I was unable to be present.

On December 9th I visited Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford. W. Bro. A. E. Robertson and his most efficient staff of officers conferred a first degree in a word-perfect and impressive manner. The lodge room was filled, the interest manifest in Masonry was of the first order, and a most enjoyable evening spent. One of the features was the

presentation to V. W. Bro. Dempsey of a set of Grand Lodge regalia. Another pleasing part of the evening's work was the examination of two brethren in the work of the third degree which was perfect. At the conclusion of the work in the lodge, all assembled in the spacious banquet room where an address on "The Empire" by W. Bro. Rev. Clough was much enjoyed. Many brethren from Tecumseh, the sister lodge in Stratford, and many other visiting brethren were present and a most pleasant and profitable time was spent. In February, Stratford Lodge entertained M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, Bro. Hon. Sam Hughes and other notable members of the craft. I was unfortunately unable to be present, but the affair was a huge success.

On December 27th I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Granton Lodge No. 483, Granton. W. Bros. Raycraft, Hobbs, Clatworthy, and Hill assisted and they and the other young members of this flourishing young lodge showed themselves proficient in the work, zealous for the promotion of the craft and its principles and splendid entertainers and hosts. The young men who are office-bearers in this lodge give promise of most proficient work.

Elma Lodge No. 456, Monkton. To visit Elma Lodge No. 456, Monkton on the evening of February 1st, required a drive of twelve miles from Milverton, but the cordial hospitality enjoyed at the hands of the brethren and the interesting ceremony of the Fellowcraft degree made it well worth the while. The Master, Bro. F. Armstrong, and all his staff are exceedingly anxious for Masonry to have its rightful place in the community, and are keenly desirous of having the floor work and charges accurately correct. Bro. Chalmers is an efficient Secretary and is neatness itself.

Granton Lodge No. 483, Granton was visited by me on Monday, February 5th. W. Bro. Gibson, W.M., conferred the second degree in a very impressive manner. The young men who are associated with him as officers are energetic and correct

in their work and are desirous of living up to the standards set by Past Masters. This lodge under the supervision of Treasurer Clatworthy regularly passes the "Comforts" box and sends to the members at the front some donation monthly.

I visited Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell, February 6th. The W. M. Bro. G. Thomson and W. Bro. Fred. Porterfield, P.M., each conferred the E. A. degree on splendid candidates. The capable staff of officers associated with Bro. Thomson in the lodge work, augurs well for the future of Tudor Lodge. Special mention I will make of the giving of his charge by the J. W.

In R. W. Bro. W. Elliott, V. W. Bro. Wm. Shafer, W. Bro. Fred. Porterfield and others, Masonry has in Mitchell zealous and able exponents.

R. W. Bro. Jno. Watson, of Listowel, D.D.G. M., of North Huron District No. 5, was present and gave a splendid address, as did R. W. Bro. Wm. Elliott and others.

On February 9th I visited Clinton Lodge No. 84, Clinton. W. Bro. J. W. Treleaven, W.M., conferred the Fellowcraft degree in a very impressive manner. His candidate was splendid and the precision with which the S. D. Bro. Kerr attended to the floor work was excellent. W. Bro. Clarkson, V. W. Bro. A. J. Holloway, W. Bro. Rorke, W. Bro. Paisley and others by attendance and suggestions and work add materially to the splendid proficiency maintained by Clinton Lodge. Bro. Chant, as Secretary, is all that could be desired.

Irving Lodge No. 154, Lucan, W. Bro. Harry Lankin W. Master, was visited by me on March 8th. This lodge has many ardent Past Masters. The S.W., the J.W. and others are most zealous and anxious to keep up the reputation of Irving Lodge, and I believe a great future is in store for Masonry in Lucan. The first degree was conferred in a most impressive manner and a truly happy time spent after the work of the lodge. Many interesting and helpful speeches were made, but one on "Canada,"

given by Bro. George Stanley, was particularly forcible and instructive. Altogether, one of the most enjoyable evenings spent by me at lodge was with my good brethren of Lucan.

St. Marys Lodge No. 493, visited March 26th. Rev. J. Geo. Miller, W.M., and his able staff of officers, conferred the E. A. degree in a most exemplary manner. A large number of Masons were present and the enthusiastic way in which they received one of their own number as the representative of the Most Worshipful in the district rejoiced my heart. This lodge has a committee appointed to arrange for addresses on interesting Masonic subjects regularly.

London, March 28th. I accepted the kind invitation of the Masons of London to join with them in honouring our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. S. A. Luke. I there met many notables of our beloved order, listened with delight to our Grand Master's address, and joined in the festivities of the evening. It was a memorable day in Masonic circles in London.

Monday, April 2nd. I visited Lebanon Forest Lodge No. 133, Exeter. The W. M. Bro. Norman J. Dore, the S. W. Bro. Hastings and each and every officer in the lodge are full of enthusiasm and desire for perfect work. The E. A. degree was conferred in a most capable manner. The spirit manifestly prevailing between Past Masters and those directing the affairs of the lodge at present is the finest. V. W. Bro. M. Eacrett gave a most entertaining and instructive outline of his connection with the craft and emphasized his work in the district back in the early seventies, when he was official instructor of the work. Arrangements were made for Past Masters to compete at the next meeting of the lodge in conferring the Fellowcraft degree, and an interesting time was assured.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, was visited Friday, April 20th. W. Bro. Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., W. M. and his efficient staff of officers provided a real treat in conferring the sublime degree

of a M. M. Dr. Martin has the delivery and correctness that is essential to the degrees of Masonry and I was assured by Past Masters that at all regular and emergent meetings the work is quite as correctly and impressively done. The floor work the charges and every detail seemed perfectly performed. At the conclusion of the lodge work most interesting and instructive addresses were given, one of especial note being on "The British Empire," by R. W. Bro. Geo. Malcolm.

Milverton Lodge No. 478, Milverton, visited April 30th. W. Bro. Geo. Coxon, W. M. and capable staff of officers conferred the E. A. degree in a very impresssive manner. The records of the lodge proceedings (as in other lodges throughout the district) are kept neatly and correctly.

At the conclusion of the lodge work splendid addresses were given by the brethren present.

A note of sadness lent seriousness to the tone of work and addresses, as word had been received just the day before of the fact that the eldest son of one of the members had been killed in action in France.

St. James Lodge No. 73, St. Marys was visited May 7th. W. Bro. Norman Brandon, W.M., has associated with him a group of officers as keenly interested as himself. Within the lodge room and without they strive to make the tenets and principles of Masonry real. They conferred an E. A. degree in a faultless and impressive manner and won merited approbation from the large number present. Again I desire to bear testimony to the enthusiastic reception given by the Masons of St. Marys to one of their own number acting as D.D. G.M. To feel that one's efforts on behalf of the craft and what they stand for are appreciated by one's own townsmen is a joy in truth. I cannot too heartily thank my brethren of St. James and St. Marys Lodges for cordial support during this year and heretofore. Following the policy of the Masons of St. Marys a paper on "History of Masonry," prepared by the late Bro. Wm. Johnston,

was read by Rev. J. Geo. Miller, Master of the sister lodge. It was full of interesting facts and enjoyed by all. I might add that on June 8th the two lodges met and heard an exceptionally fine address on "Masonry, a World Power" delivered by Rev. Dr. Jos. Hanley. It was a real treat and stirred the brethren to their inmost souls.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth, was visited May 8th. W. Bro. T. M. Stewart, W.M., assisted by a zealous staff of officers, conferred the first degree. It was well done. A real desire to impress the candidate with the seriousness and beauty of the degree was manifest. R. W. Bro. Rev. Jas. Aberly, R.W. Bro. J. B. Tiernay, Dr. McTaggart and others were present and added much to the evening's enjoyment. Neatness and order characterize the work of the Secretary.

On May 24th I attended a Lodge of Instruction in Guelph held by R. W. Bro. Dr. Flath, of Wellington District No. 7. The work was splendidly done. Interesting debates took place on points raised in the work and repartee and good humour made the afternoon and evening most enjoyable. R. W. Bro. Wardrope, D.G.M. of Hamilton, was among the many representative Masons present.

One of the pleasant evenings of the year was spent with the brethren of Morning Star Lodge No. 309, Carlow, on Wednesday evening, May 30th. This is one of the unique lodges of the district, if not of the jurisdiction. In the centre of a farming community, with nothing at Carlow but the lodge room building and a general store. The first degree was impressively conferred by W. Bro. J. J. Robertson, the Master, and his staff. Your D.D.G. M. complimented the brethren on the work and addressed them on "Obligations."

The oldest and best equipped lodge in the district is Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich. The splendid new building, the luxuriantly appointed and furnished lodge room with its choir loft, and every detail attended to, the efficiency with which

the present officers fill their positions, all tend to success in Masonic circles in Goderich, the beautiful town on Lake Huron.

I visited here Thursday, May 31st. W. Bro. Megaw and splendid staff conferred the third degree in an accurate and impressive manner. One was impressed with the large number of Past Masters present and the interest taken by them in the work of the lodge. It is no wonder Masonry plays so large a part in this county-town of Huron.

At the banquet after lodge, addresses of more than usual merit were given, among those most worthy of note were the responses to "Our King and Country," by R. W. Bro. Judge Dickson and Bro. M. C. Cameron, and to "Our Soldiers at the Front," by Rev. Mr. Clark also to the "Craft," by Bro. Alex. Saunders.

Once more I make mention of a proficient Secretary. The careful, painstaking and clean cut manner in which the books of Maitland Lodge are kept are worthy of special mention.

Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth, was visited June 4th. W. Bro. L. T. DeLacey, W. M., conferred two third degrees. The candidates were two Macs; their examination and aptness were excellent.

In Bro. Aberhart, S.W., Bro. Bristow, J.W., W. Bro. Jackson, Secretary, and all the other officers, Britannia Lodge is efficiently manned.

A very helpful and pleasant night was spent with the brethren of Seaforth.

In conclusion I desire to thank the many brethren who have helped to make my year as D.D.G.M. a pleasant one. I have been the recipient of countless courtesies and kindnesses. I have endeavoured to foster the best traditions of Masonry. That I have failed often I feel confident. I trust my short-comings may be forgiven and forgotten, and that my efforts to stimulate the study of Masonry may not have been entirely in vain.

I bespeak for my successor the same hearty assistance extended to me, and sincerely trust that Masonry in South Huron District may continue to be a power for good in every community, and that the brave fellows who have gone from our midst to help maintain the liberties we enjoy may soon return in safety, after having assisted in achieving a victorious peace.

Fraternally submitted,

P. T. COUPLAND, D.D.G.M.,

South Huron District No. 4.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As we draw to the close of another Masonic year it is my pleasant duty to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master for North Huron District No. 5. In so doing I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honour and distinction that they conferred upon me in electing me to this honourable and responsible position. And to the lodges generally for their hearty co-operation, and to the members individually in helping me to perform the duties which such an office demands. Particularly am I grateful to all those who have so kindly assisted me in my work and made my visits to the different lodges so pleasant.

Before last Grand Lodge meeting District No. 5 had nineteen lodges and was one of the most important districts under Grand Lodge. At the time of the redistribution of districts, North Huron was to have fourteen lodges, but four of the lodges did not feel like leaving their old districts and did not join with No. 5, thus leaving only ten lodges in No. 5. I do not think that these four lodges showed the true Masonic spirit when they did not come over to No. 5 district when the redistribution was made. And I would now suggest that these four lodges which are in South Huron, which has eighteen lodges, be placed in North Huron. By doing this, each district would have the same number of lodges.

On account of the district being small I did not appoint a District Secretary or District Chaplain. However, I am pleased to say that Masonry throughout the district is in a flourishing condition and the very best of harmony prevails. The Secretaries of the different lodges are all very capable men and have their books in the very best order.

The grim reaper has been very busy, having removed from Bernard Lodge alone four brothers, namely, Wor. Bros. A. S. Hawkins and F. R. Blewett, K.C., and Bros. A. Roos and N. S. Later, all very highly esteemed members of the lodge. Though dead yet they stil live in the hearts and memories of those they served so well. The same might be said of others who have passed to the great beyond who were members of other lodges in the district and whose demise was not reported to me.

Visits.

On November 7th I made my first official visit in the district by visiting St. John's Lodge No. 284, Brussels. I was most heartily received by the W. M. and members of St. John's and the visiting brethren present, among them a number of brethren of Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. The third degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers in a very creditable manner. There was an attendance of about forty. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a very good condition. The furnishings are very complete and are well insured.

Thursday, November 9th, I paid a visit to Fordwich Lodge No. 331. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the third degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Harris and his staff. There was an attendance of twenty-eight, and, considering the state of the weather during the day, it was more than I expected. The lodge is well furnished, centrally situated, and has bright prospects before it. Bro. Harris has with him a fine staff of officers. The books of this lodge are well kept. An average attendance at the meetings of eighteen members. R. W. Bro. Hutchison, P.D.D.G.M., is Secretary of the lodge. Everything looks as if this lodge would be very successful in the future.

On December 4th I called upon Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter. On this night there was one of the worst storms of the season which, no doubt, had something to do with the small attendance.

There were four brethren present from St. John's Lodge, Brussels. The third degree was put on by the W. M. and officers in a very acceptable manner. The Secretary was absent on account of sickness in his family. The books are in extra good shape, the lodge room is nicely furnished, and everything looks as if there should be an extra good lodge here, but for some reason or another the attendance at the meetings is very small, in fact, merely enough to open and conduct the business of the lodge. Prospects none too bright.

I opened the New Year first by being elected Mayor of Listowel, second by paying my official visit to Wingham Lodge No. 286. I was very warmly received by the W. M. Bro. Nash and those present. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Jas. Gilmore, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, Moosejaw, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I spent a very pleasant afternoon in the company of Bro. John Quirk, who is in his eighty-fourth year, and who was also present at the meeting of lodge that night. R. W. Bro. Morton is the Secretary and has the finest set of books in the district. The second degree was conferred upon four candidates by the W. M. and officers of the lodge in a manner that would be hard to beat. The candidates were four young men, the best skilled that I have seen for a long time. The Wardens, Deacons and other officers had their work to perfection. The attendance at this meeting was forty. The prospects for Wingham Lodge are very bright.

I paid my official visit to Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow, on February 1st. There were about forty-five members and visitors present at the meeting, including W. Bro. Melvin and three other brothers from Teeswater. The lodge still meets in the same hall that it met in fifty years ago. The first meeting of Old Light Lodge was held on February 14th, 1867 under dispensation, the warrant was granted on July 11th, 1867. The W. M. and his officers conferred the second degree on two well skilled candidates in a very clever manner.

The lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished and the building is the property of the lodge. I will long remember my visit to Lucknow. Old Light Lodge has had one of the most successful years in its history and the prospects are very bright for the future. Bro. Wilson is an efficient Secretary and has his books in good shape.

On February 11th I made my official visit to Blair Lodge No. 314, Palmerston. This is the new Lodge added to District No. 5. We were given a most hearty welcome by the W. M., officers and members of Blair Lodge. The lodge was opened at four o'clock in the afternoon and one candidate was initiated. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The work put on by the W. M. and officers of Blair Lodge was exceedingly well done. Very much credit is due to the W. M. and officers for their proficiency. The lodge is most beautifully furnished and equipped in the most modern manner. The books of the Secretary are well kept and everything points to a very successful lodge with a bright future before it.

At 8.30 o'clock p.m. the members of Blair Lodge with their wives and other members of their families with the visitors from Harriston, Fordwich, Drayton and Listowel met at the Queen's Hotel where an elegant banquet was held.

On February 22nd I visited Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater. The lodge was opened at 7.30 with a very good attendance including W. Bro. Armstrong and several brethren from Lucknow. The second degree was put on by W. Bro. Melvin and his officers in a very creditable manner, the candidate being well skilled in the former degree. The lodge is centrally situated, well furnished, and everything has the appearance of prosperity. The Secretary's books are well kept. After the lodge was closed, at the Vendome Hotel, a splendid banquet was in readiness. The evening was spent in music, speeches and song. A most pleasant feature was the presence of the Teeswater orchestra, composed of young ladies and gentlemen, their selections were very much enjoyed by all.

On March 9th I made my official visit to my mother lodge, Bernard No. 225, Listowel. It is over thirty-two years since I first saw the light in Masonry in this lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Campbell Foster and Hutchinson, P.D.D.G.Ms. of District No. 5. Also V. W. Bros. T. H. Blackmore, J. H. Blackmore and Hyndman. Also several present from Palmerston, Fordwich and other places. The attendance was seventy, which was the largest at any meeting held for the official visit of the D.D.G.M. in many years.

The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees and two candidates were initiated. My son being one of the candidates, I was asked by the W. M. to confer the obligation upon him, which I did; and this, I consider, one of the greatest honours that I have had conferred upon me as D.D.G.M., as it only occurs once in a man's lifetime when he has only one son. The work put on by W. Bro. Sutherland and his officers was exceedingly well done. There is a lot of good material in this lodge and the young men are taking an active part in the work and the prospects are very bright for the future. Bernard has been the most prosperous in the district this year, having initiated eighteen, and two have joined by affiliation. The lodge room has been beautifully re-decorated and draped, the furniture re-upholstered, giving it the appearance of a city lodge room. The lodge has also invested \$400.00 in war loans.

Another pleasing feature of the evening that I was asked to perform was to place a silk UNION JACK upon the ALTAR. The thanks of the lodge were tendered to the donor, Mrs. Watson, for her thoughtful gift. and our son was the first candidate to be obligated over the new flag. An interesting address was given by R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M., who is now in his eighty-seventh year and is exceedingly well for a man of his years. Addresses were also given by W. Bros. Rev. J. M. Nichol, Thorne, Hyndman, Hutchinson and myself. The brightest prospects are in store for Bernard Lodge.

On March 28th I had the pleasure of attending the reception given to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master by the eight city lodges of the city of London. To say that it was a success is to put it very mildly, as I am sure that all present enjoyed themselves, and none more so than the Grand Master himself.

On May the first I paid my official visit to Bruce Lodge No. 341, Tiverton. There was not a very large attendance at the meeting as the night was not fit for any person to turn out and drive any distance, and as many of the members of Bruce Lodge live in the country, they could not be expected to attend the meeting. The candidate did not put in an appearance, therefore there was no degree put on. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the officers, and by the manner in which this was done I feel satisfied that the work of the three degrees can be done in a most satisfactory manner. Bruce Lodge is adding a few members to its roll and the books are well kept, and everything in connection with this lodge is in the very best of shape. My visit to Bruce Lodge was a most enjoyable one and will long be remembered.

May 2nd I came back to Kincardine and paid my visit to Northern Light Lodge No. 93. There was a large attendance and the first degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M. and officers in an excellent manner. R. W. Bro. McPherson is Secretary and has everything in first class shape. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the work was exceptionally well done. The work is so well done in this lodge that it is only a matter of form for the D.D.G.M. to visit Northern Light Lodge. After the close of the lodge Bro. Capt. Martin, of Ripley, but a member of a lodge in B. C., who was present, gave an address on the life in the trenches. Bro. Martin was wounded in the battle of the Somme. His address was very interesting to all present. This closed my visits to all the lodges in the district.

On June 15th I had the pleasure of attending an At-Home given by Old Light Lodge No. 184, Lucknow. The At-Home was held in the Town hall with a programme of songs and speeches, and a supper was served in the hall below; after this part of the programme had been finished a dance was held. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Lyons who was one of the first candidates to be initiated in Old Light Lodge fifty years ago. To say that the At-Home was a success and enjoyed by all present is putting it very mildly.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the members in the district for the very many kindnesses shown me, and I shall never forget the year that I spent as District Deputy Grand Master of North Huron No. 5.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WATSON, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in North Huron District No. 5, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular	Emergent									Total	Aver. atten'ce of members
93	Northern Light.	Kincardine	125	3	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	11	4	18	35	25 00	Dec.	1916	Excel't	Good	Yes	\$1850 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter	43	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	6	6	8	18	41 00	June	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	800 00	
184	Old Light	Lucknow	109	2	9	9	10	2	1	4	1	13	3	16	18	68 00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00	
225	Bernard	Listowel	126	20	18	13	11	2	1	2	1	4	11	10	21	23	60 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	52	4	2	5	4	1	1	2	1	12	1	13	3	10 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	100 00	
284	St. John's	Brussels	88	6	2	2	2	2	1	3	5	2	13	2	15	13	5 00	June	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	250 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	101	10	6	6	6	2	1	12	1	2	10	10	20	50 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
314	Blair	Palmerston	115	6	3	6	5	5	2	1	2	2	12	8	20	20	20 00	Jan.	25	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	64	4	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	12	2	11	20	20 00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton	65	3	13	3	2	2	1	12	1	1	9	1	10	20	31 95 00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6 for the past year, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the signal honour they conferred upon me in electing me as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this historic district.

My first official act after being elected was to appoint W. Bro. McKay, of King Hiram Lodge No. 37, Ingersoll, as District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. O. Edwards, of St. John's Lodge No. 68 as District Chaplain. I appreciate very much indeed the able assistance both these brothers extended to me during my term of office.

I have had the privilege and pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district, and am glad to be able to report that the work as done in this district is of a very high order. The outlook for Masonry throughout this district, under the able leadership of the officers of the several lodges, is indeed very promising, and I assure the Grand Master that brotherly love, harmony and loyalty to the Grand Lodge reigns supreme. On every visit I was received in a most courteous and enthusiastic manner in the lodge room and at the banquet table.

I also wish to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the many acts of kindness shown me during my term of office, and I bespeak the same kind consideration for my successor.

Official Visits.

I have personally visited each of the lodges in the district, and in nearly every instance was accompanied by some of the brethren from Ingersoll. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking them

for their presence on these occasions, which helped to make the meetings more entertaining and helpful.

Springfield Lodge No. 259, Springfield. I paid my first official visit to this lodge on October 9th, 1916. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree in a very highly satisfactory manner. The books of the lodge are very ably looked after by Bro. M. M. Black. I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Geo. Naylor and several Past Masters and brethren from Ingersoll.

Vienna Lodge No. 237, Vienna. On November 3rd, 1916, I paid an official visit to Vienna Lodge No. 237. The brethren had no work to do on this evening, but the affairs of the lodge under R. W. Bro. S. S. Clutton are in very able hands. He has a very efficient set of officers and the principles of Masonry are well looked after in this lodge. This lodge has a very cosy lodge room and is noted for its ability to entertain.

Frederick Lodge No. 217, Delhi. On November 6th I paid an official visit to this lodge. The W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree on a very bright candidate and in a most capable and efficient manner. This lodge has very cozy quarters and the brethren display a deep interest in their work.

Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro. On November 9th I paid my official visit. W. Bro. Dr. Montgomery and his officers exemplified the third degree in very fine style. This lodge, in the last few years, and under the able leadership of the present Worshipful Master, has wonderfully progressed in ability to do the work in the way it should be done, and at the present time is among the foremost in the district in conferring degrees.

Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover. On December 4th I paid my official visit to this lodge. There was no work on the trestle board but the officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very efficient manner. This meeting was also their annual election of officers, and I feel safe in saying that Masonry, under the direction of the present

officers, will be well looked after. A number of the brethren from Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, graced the occasion with their presence.

Plattsville Lodge No. 178, Plattsville. I visited this lodge officially on December 8th and had the pleasure of installing their officers for the ensuing year. Besides the visiting brethren from Ingersoll, we were highly honoured with the presence of R. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Donald Sutherland, P.D.D.G.M., and a number of brethren from Princeton and Woodstock. This is a small lodge but its members are very enthusiastic. They have a very able Secretary in W. Bro. W. R. Henderson.

After the work in the lodge room we listened with a very great deal of interest to an address by R. W. Bro. Sutherland.

Blenheim Lodge No. 108, Princeton. On December 15th I paid an official visit to this lodge. We were again honoured on this occasion by the presence of R. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Donald Sutherland, P.D.D.G.M., who has since returned to the front. W. Bro. Blackmore and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. They had no work for this meeting but from the very thorough way in which they conducted the openings and closings I am sure that the work in this lodge is very ably looked after. After the lodge was closed we were entertained by W. Bro. Sutherland and the members of Princeton Lodge in their inimitable way. The Secretary of this lodge has his books in good shape.

Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe. On December 27th I officially visited this lodge and had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year. The officers of this lodge are very capable and enthusiastic, and I feel sure that the lodge will progress favourably under their supervision. Unfortunately at the time of my official visit there was some little dissension among certain factions of the lodge. I am, however led to believe that the little differences have been healed and that harmony again reigns supreme. The Secretary is a very efficient one.

St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll. This being my mother lodge I officially visited same on January 5th, at which time I had the honour of installing the Worshipful Master and investing the other officers. I was welcomed on this occasion by a large number of the brethren from St. John's Lodge as well as our sister lodge, King Hiram No. 37. As a number of officers are on active service at the present time, W. Bro. Peters, P. M., consented to act as W. M. during the present year and R. W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, P.D.D.G.M. consented to act as S. W.

King Hiram Lodge No. 37, Ingersoll. On February 12th I paid my official visit to this lodge. The lodge room at Ingersoll having previously been renovated and re-decorated, I was invited to pay my official visit on this occasion and take charge of the proceedings. We were honoured by the presence of R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge, and Lt.-Col. Donald Sutherland, P.D.D.G.M. Both these brethren delivered eloquent addresses which were very instructive and edifying. The brethren of both Ingersoll lodges suitably remembered R. W. Bro. Naylor with a loving cup as a slight indication of their esteem and appreciation for the valuable service rendered in superintending the re-modeling of the lodge rooms. Masonry in this lodge is very ably looked after by W. Bro. Burrows, as Worshipful Master, and his officers.

King Hiram Lodge No. 78, Tillsonburg. On March 7th I paid my official visit to this lodge. W. Bro. McDonald and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree in a manner which is very seldom excelled by any officers. The books of this lodge are very well kept by R. W. Bro. McQueen.

Oxford Lodge No. 76, King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Woodstock. At a joint emergency meeting of these two lodges on March 30th I paid an official visit. W. Bros. Slater and Stevens and their officers exemplified the third degree in a very able manner. The very fine choir which these lodges are fortunate enough to have, adds very materially to the impressiveness of the degree.

Oriental Lodge No. 181, Port Burwell. On April 3rd I paid my official visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Sampson and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees. There being no other work, lodge was closed and a very pleasant time was spent. This lodge has a very small territory from which to draw and naturally does not have the work to do that some of the other lodges have; however, the officers are very capable and enthusiastic. On this occasion we were honoured with the presence of R. W. Bro. Clutton and brethren from Vienna.

St. John's Lodge No. 104, Norwich. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 9th and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Naylor and several P. Ms. and brethren from Ingersoll. The W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree in a very pleasing manner. The Secretary is very capable and the books are well looked after.

Walsingham Lodge No. 174, Port Rowan. It was my intention to pay my official visit to this lodge on May 31st, but owing to the impassable condition of the road that day I was unable to get to Port Rowan. The Worshipful Master, however, very kindly called an emergency meeting on June 16th, on which date I officially visited the lodge. On this occasion the W. M. and officers conferred the third degree in a very able manner.

Oak Branch Lodge No. 261, Innerkip. On June 28th, accompanied by T. C. Black of Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, and others, I paid an official visit to this lodge. There was no degree work but the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria. On May 4th I officially visited this lodge, accompanied by several brethren from Ingersoll. There was no degree work, the officers, however, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees very satisfactorily. This is a small lodge and has not a large territory to draw from, but the W. M. and officers are very capable.

Lodge of Instruction.

On May 16th, under dispensation granted to St. John's Lodge No. 68, the eighth annual Lodge of Instruction in Wilson District No. 6 was held in the Masonic hall, Ingersoll. We were honoured on this occasion by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, Brother Sydney A. Luke. He was very enthusiastically received and made a host of friends among the brethren of the district. We were also honoured with the presence of R. W. Bro. W. H. Line, G.S.W., of the Grand Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Dr. Ziegler, D.D.G.M., London District No. 3, London. The meeting was one of the largest and best represented of any Lodge of Instruction held in this district, a total of twenty-two lodges being represented. In the afternoon W. Bro. Spencer McDonald and officers of King Hiram Lodge No. 78 exemplified the first degree. After the work a number of questions were asked and disposed of. Dr. Montgomery and officers of Thistle Lodge No. 250, Embro, then exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. After a number of questions were answered in connection with the work in this degree, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment and the brethren repaired to the Ingersoll Inn where luncheon was served. The lodge resumed labour at 8.30 p.m. and the third degree was exemplified by P.D.D.G. Ms., with R. W. Bro. Clutton in the chair. The Woodstock choir also very ably assisted in the rendition of the musical part of the ceremony. After a number of questions had been asked and answered the M. W. the Grand Master gave a very instructive and interesting address. The Lodge of Instruction was brought to a close at about eleven o'clock, everyone in attendance having felt very much benefited by having attended.

Fraternally submitted,

H. P. STONEMAN, D.D.G.M.,

Wilson District No.6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Wilson District No. 6, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem-ber-ship		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'r's	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.						F. C.	M. M.	Deceased										Regular	Emergent	Total
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	146	5		5	6	8	1	2		5	11	7	18	13	20	95 00		Good	Good	Yes	600 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	167	10		18	18	15		8		4	13	12	25	27	75 00	59 00	Jan. 5	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
43	K. g. Solomon	Woodstock	313	8		24	22	23		6		5	13	16	29	40	350 04	10	55 00	Dec. 27	Spl'nd	Yes	1600 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	125	16		11	8	10		3		10	7	17	25	10	00	7 39	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1500 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	261	8		19	13	9		3		2	12	10	22	35	172 15	7 36	00	Dec. 27	Excel't	Yes	1600 00
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	181		5	5	3	5		1		2	11	4	15	35	40 00	6 56	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	800 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	118	6		7	2	4		1		2	11	2	13	20	10 00	20 195	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	500 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	66	3		4	4	2		1		2	13	5	18	17	11	93 81		Good	Good	Yes	.....
149	Erie	Port Dover	95	1		4	1	2		1		2	9	3	12	25	107 25	1 4 25	Jan. 9	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	88	2		5	4	3		1		2	12	3	15	18	3 00	5 54	10	Jan. 2	V. good	No	250 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	58	6		6	6	5		2		2	12	3	15	18	3 00	5 54	10	Dec. 27	Fair	Yes	300 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	47	1		2	2	1		3		1	14	14	12					Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1000 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	69	3		7	4	4		2		2	13	2	15	16	5 00	5 55	00	Feb. 27	Good	Yes	1900 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	73			6	4	2		1		1	13	2	15	18	35 00	23 135	75	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	500 00
250	Thistle	Embro	70	6		6	4	2		1		1	14	1	15	21	35 00	23 135	75	Dec. 27	Excel't	Yes	500 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	107	14		12	4	7		2		1	13	9	22	20	52 00	29 15	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	38	1		1	1	1		1		1	10	10	10	40	00 3	20 00	Feb. 1917	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	57	1		1	1	1		2		1	10	1	11	14	10 00	10 00	Jan. 1917	Good	Good	Yes	600 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is a pleasure and an honour to present the following report on the condition of Masonry and the work as I have observed it in Wellington District No. 7 during the year 1916-17.

Before entering upon a detailed account of the year's proceedings I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred by the brethren of the district upon Conestogo Lodge No. 295 and therefore upon myself, by the election of one of its members to the distinguished office of District Deputy Grand Master. Conestogo Lodge was instituted in 1873, and Wellington District has been in existence since 1869, and this is Conestogo's first time to have a Grand Lodge officer.

Since assuming office my great aim has been to serve, and my best effort has ever been at the disposal of the brethren. I have endeavoured to uphold the dignity of this high office and to advance the cause of our noble craft in the jurisdiction. As I approached the work a year ago, I did so fully realizing the heavy responsibilities of the position, but I must confess, that the work has not been nearly so difficult as I had imagined, and on every turn I have had the co-operation of the brethren. And while I am grateful to all for their help, I am particularly indebted to my predecessors in office and to the M. W. the Grand Master, and to the Grand Secretary, all of whom were ever ready to give me the benefit of their valuable knowledge in every way possible.

Before beginning the year I appointed W. Bro. George H. Awde as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. H. J. Harnwell as District Chaplain, and felt that at least I had two good lieutenants.

Like all other D.D.G.Ms. of this year, I found myself in charge of a newly arranged district, and I was to come in contact with lodges and brethren whom I had not known before. I wish at this point to congratulate the Grand Lodge Committee on the splendid job they made of Wellington district in the redistribution. While we were loathe to part with our old associates in the lodges that were taken from us, it would be hard to improve on the arrangement of lodges as they now exist. The district is now compact and is very easily accessible from all points in it. In the district work I drove 1,031 miles by auto and travelled 212 miles by rail, a total of 1,243 miles. I am convinced that the District Deputy in Wellington District will be able to do better work and do it more easily than has been done under the former arrangement, and the district will be greatly benefited thereby. I want to say, too, that if we had done our own choosing we could not have selected lodges that would have been more welcome to our district than those that were given us, viz., New Dominion 205, of New Hamburg; Wilmot, 318, of Baden; Walker 321, of Acton; and Credit, 219, of Georgetown. The brethren of these lodges have assured me that they, too, are well pleased with their new berths, and are satisfied that their interests will be thoroughly looked after. Everywhere I have been received most cordially and I cannot speak too highly of the kindness of the brethren. They have received my criticisms, if such they must be termed, with the best of grace, and in every case my suggestions have been readily accepted. I find that officers and brethren are all eager to acquire any knowledge that will enable them to become more proficient, and in every case have signified their intention of putting my recommendations into practice. On the whole, I found the work throughout the various lodges fairly uniform, thanks to the splendid efforts of my predecessors in office. I found the greatest variation in the lodges that came into our district last year. These differences were not serious ones, however, and I think it will not be long before these lodges

have acquired the proper methods. I believe, in many instances, the District Deputy on his official visit allows minor details, and perhaps greater ones also to slip by, and he does not draw attention to them for fear of being considered a crank or a stickler. I found the brethren eager to improve wherever possible, provided this is done in a brotherly manner, and not in the manner of an autocrat. And if the District Deputy does not "correct the errors and irregularities of his brethren" he has fallen short of his duties. I believe, with the interest of the brethren, the increasing energy on the part of the District Deputy, and our Lodges of Instruction, that variations in the work will soon have disappeared. Another way of securing uniformity, and one which I have everywhere advocated, is by more fraternal visiting between lodges, and exemplifying degrees for each other, thereby seeing each other's defects and endeavouring to remedy them, and by adopting anything that may be an improvement. I found no innovations in any lodge, but altogether the work was of a very high standard and a decided advancement in this respect over that of some years ago.

Only in one instance has there been any evidence of lack of harmony. In fact, this came to me privately, was not at all apparent in the lodge, and is not, I think, of a serious nature.

In nearly all the lodges activity is manifest, in fact, some are working overtime to keep up with the degree work. The financial conditions are mostly satisfactory, but a few lodges have allowed too many members to be in arrears. One lodge, while having only two members in arrears, has allowed these two to become over \$90 behind. Another has three members over \$60 in arrears. I consider this altogether out of proportion and it should not be allowed to occur. This, however, is not common. The question of dues has received considerable attention during the year. Owing to the increase in Grand Lodge dues from 50c to \$1 per member, it has been found necessary by many lodges to increase their annual dues. Not only

the Grand Lodge dues have caused them to take this step, but they feel that they must have more money in their treasuries for benévolent purposes in the near future, when they are likely to be called on to do their duty to members who may have returned from the great war scene, unable to take their places again to maintain themselves and those dependent on them; and of these noble heroes we may have many to assist. So far as I have been able to ascertain there are 182 of our brethren in Wellington District on active service at the present time. We have few lodges that are not represented at the front, helping to carry the burden for our beloved Empire and for the freedom of the world. May the Great Architect give them stout hearts and strong bodies as they endeavour to do their part in this great cause—for us! “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,” and during the year these noble brethren, whose names follow, have made the supreme sacrifice in the great tragedy now being enacted in Europe:

Bro. Dr. Geo. H. Bowlby, Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener.

Bro. S. B. Henderson, Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr.

Bro. E. W. Juhlin, Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph.

Bro. E. T. Leslie, Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown.

Bro. George Robertson, New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler.

Bro. Clinton T. Walker, Wilmot Lodge No. 318 Baden.

Bro. John Allan, Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus.

Bro. James Sill McLachlan, Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph.

I desire to pay a well deserved tribute to the faithfulness and capability of the Secretaries of the lodges in this district. In all instances the office is filled by efficient brethren, many of them Past Masters; in fact, all but two. In one particular a few have been negligent, ie., in reporting promptly

the death of a brother and the funeral proceedings as required by Clause 243. In some cases I have had to make two and even three requests for this information, and I am still waiting for the Grand Lodge returns from four lodges in order to complete my report, and which will make the report at least three days late in reaching the office of the Grand Secretary.

Benevolence has received due attention where required. I find the brethren ever ready to respond to appeals from the distressed. Some lodges have on their lists brethren or dependants to whom they make regular grants to supplement those given by Grand Lodge. Many lodges have given liberally from their treasury to the Red Cross and to patriotic funds of their town.

Nearly every lodge has up-to-date by-laws, some having been revised during the past year. A few are working under very old by-laws, one dated 1868. I needly hardly say that I recommended a revision as soon as possible. On nearly every visit I requested the officers to open and close in all degrees, omitting this request in only two or three special circumstances. This gave me the opportunity to point out any irregularities and correct the same. Also to take up features of the degree work which commonly are incorrect. I found in the large majority of lodges that no instruction is given to the candidate after he has been given his third degree, but that he is allowed to pick up the necessary information as best he may. I have strongly impressed upon the brethren the necessity of posting the newly raised candidate in this degree as in the others, and of requiring him to pass an examination in open lodge in a similar manner. Some lodges have what they term a Posting Committee, whose duty it is to meet the candidate at appointed times and impart the required information to him. This appeals to me as a much more satisfactory method than the haphazard custom of allowing him to get it from all or any source which may or may not be correct. In some lodges the charge to the newly advanced candidate is delivered in the proper way; in some it is read to him from

the book of constitution, but in far too many it is left to the brother to hunt it up himself and read it. I am sure he fails to derive the benefit from reading it that he would if it were delivered to him, as it should be. I consider that all Masters should prepare themselves for this part of the work the same as for any other portion.

Fraternal Dead.

I regret to report that thirteen lodges have been visited by the grim reaper during the year, and that twenty-nine of our brothers have been removed from us; but we trust that they have gained where we have lost, and that their names are now enrolled in the Grand Lodge above. Following are the names and dates of their decease:

Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt—Bro. Robert Douglas, Oct. 8th, 1916; Bro. Sydney R. Sheldon, May 7th, 1917. Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener—Bro. J. C. Muller, Oct. 20th, 1916; Bro. Geo. Moore, Oct. 23rd, 1916; Bro. Dr. Geo. H. Bowlby, Nov. 11th, 1916; Bro. Jacob C. Heyd, April 12th, 1917; Bro. Daniel D. Ratz, Jan. 13th, 1917. Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr—Bro. B. Henderson (killed in action) Aug. 28th, 1916. Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph—W. Bro. O. H. Ainsworth, May 11th, 1917; Bro. W. T. Doughty, Feb. 5th, 1917; Bro. E. W. Juhlin (killed in action). Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora—Bro. James E. Scott, October 1st, 1916. Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown—Bro. C. C. Rae, March 11th, 1917; Bro. J. R. Barber, March 3rd, 1917; W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton, Feb. 1st, 1917; Bro. E. T. Leslie (killed in action) Nov. 30th, 1916. Galt Lodge No. 257, Galt—Bro. Wm. Murray, Dec. 12th, 1916; Bro. Hugh Wallace, March 8th, 1917; Bro. J. S. A. McPhatter, June 23rd, 1917. New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeier—Bro. George Robertson (killed in action) July, 1916. Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton—Bro. W. C. Moody, Jan. 29th, 1917. Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston—Bro. Fred. Fisher, Sept. 25th, 1916; Bro. Alexander Duncan, June 10th, 1917. Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden—Bro. Clinton T. Walker (killed in action) April 9th, 1917; R. W. Bro. Fred. Holwell, Nov. 3rd, 1916. Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus—Bro. John Allan (killed in action) May 19th, 1917. Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph—Bro. Jas. Sill, McLachlan (killed in action) October 14th, 1916; Bro. Fred. Hendley, Nov. 29th, 1916; Bro. James Hemer, Nov. 28th, 1916.

Official Visits.

The following is a brief resume of my visits of inspection during the year:

Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt, December 29th, 1916. This was my first official visit. I was accorded a very hearty reception. This being the Past Masters' night, the work of the evening was conducted entirely by the P. Ms. These veterans showed conclusively that they have been, and still are, very proficient in the work. W. Bro. Lutz acted as Master and was assisted most ably by the whole staff. The first degree was exemplified to the satisfaction and pleasure of a large attendance of brethren. Perhaps the most striking feature of the evening's work was the delivery of the J. W.'s. lecture by W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill. Owing to the large amount of general business to be transacted, I did not request the officers to open and close in the 2nd and 3rd, as is my custom. I am convinced however, that the brethren of Alma are active, harmonious and truly Masonic in their ideals. They are striving to be Masonic, not only in name, but in deed. The affairs of the lodge are safe and the prospects sure in the care of such P. Ms. as it was my pleasure to meet. Alma Lodge has a very creditable number of members on active service, among whom is Lt.-Col. A. J. Oliver, P.D.D.G.M., who has been two years at the front, and who has now (June 30th) returned and will no doubt resume his place at the Secretary's desk, which has been so ably occupied during his absence by W. Bro. M. A. Secord.

Grand River Lodge No. 151, Kitchener, June 12th, 1917. Owing to the long and critical illness of the W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Williams, my visit to Grand River Lodge was postponed until the above date, in the hope that he might at least have sufficiently recovered to be present, but he was still unable to leave his home. His absence was the only feature which marred the enjoyment of the evening. He had able substitutes in the I.P.M. W. Bro. J. E. Bilger, and W. Bro. M. Schiedel, the latter doing the main part of the work, which consisted in the exemplification of the first degree on an ambitious "young" candidate 64 years of age. Splendid support was given to the acting W. M., by several P. Ms. While every part of the cere-

mony was of a very high order, I was particularly impressed with the work of the J.D., and the J.W. Grand River Lodge has a staff of officers so proficient in their respective duties that it is easy to foresee a successful future for the lodge. The attendance at the meeting was large and a goodly number of the lodges in the district were represented, as well as quite a number from outside the district. I was delighted to have with us on this occasion one of my former teachers at University, in the person of Prof. H. Heebner who spoke to the brethren in a short address that was much enjoyed. Grand River Lodge ranks with the best in the district and is fully up to the mark in every respect.

Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr, October 9th, 1916. It was my pleasure to spend Thanksgiving night with my brethren of Ayr Lodge and make them an official visit. On entering the lodge one is particularly impressed with the home-like appearance of their quaint quarters. I doubt if a more comfortable or more prettily decorated lodge room exists in Ontario. They are fortunate in having been donated the building for a term of 99 years by an old P. M., and so they are able to derive a tidy revenue from other parts of the building. Several brethren were present from New Dominion Lodge, of New Hamburg, one of the lodges transferred to Wellington District from South Huron. A good attendance of members was present. The opening and closing of all degrees was done and the first degree exemplified in a manner that was far beyond criticism in any respect, although this was the first effort on the part of the officers since installation. The financial condition is good, the arrearages nil. I am sorry to report that no additions in membership have been made to Ayr Lodge during the year, but I do not think this will be a permanent condition. Their lack of progress in this respect is more than offset by the amount of benevolent work they have done in their membership.

Speed Lodge No. 180, Guelph, March 6th, 1917. A very profitable meeting was held on the occasion of my visit to Speed Lodge. A poor

stranger was brought from a state of darkness to light and the exemplification of the degree work was a great pleasure to witness. W. Bro. Thos. Wright, W.M., proved to all present that his ability and proficiency in the duties of his office are above the average, and not alone the W. M., but every officer of the lodge filled his role most perfectly. Following the degree, I asked them to exemplify the opening and closing of all degrees which gave me an opportunity to take up points in the work of each that I have ordinarily found troublesome in most lodges. There was a large attendance of members and a good number of visitors from the two sister lodges of Guelph and from outside points. I took occasion to remark upon the advantages for spectacular work in lodges situated in the larger centres, where in most cases their rooms are spacious and well equipped and consequently good work is expected of the lodges so situated. A number of P.D.D.G.Ms. were in attendance, among them R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson. I was especially glad to meet him in his own lodge and it recalled vividly to my mind the night when I first saw Masonic light, it being the occasion of his official visit to Conestogo Lodge. Speed Lodge is in a flourishing condition and making splendid progress.

Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora, October 20th, 1916. In spite of the very inclement weather conditions, I found the lodge room well filled with members of Irvine Lodge and of Mercer Lodge, Fergus. The lodge was opened and closed in all degrees and the second degree conferred on a bright and well prepared candidate. This being only the second time since installation that any work had been done, the officers, with one or two exceptions, exhibited very fine ability, the W. Bro. Chas. A. Burt in particular, showing evidence of very careful preparation and of keen interest in his duties. I have known Irvine Lodge and its members intimately for many years and have always found them proficient in their work and striving to excell. This is due to the faithfulness of her Past Masters who are punctual and regular in their attendance and see to it that the officers do not want

for assistance and advice, and I feel that the future of Irvine Lodge is safe in the hands of these P. Ms.

New Dominion Lodge No. 205, New Hamburg, October 24th, 1916. An emergent meeting having very kindly been called for the purpose on the above date, I made my official visit to New Dominion Lodge. A fair attendance of members greeted me, together with two car loads of Ayr brethren and a number from Baden who had come over to fraternize with their newly adopted brethren. This was the first visit I had made to any of the lodges transferred to us from other districts by the redistribution and I received a very warm welcome from our new brethren. The work of the evening consisted of opening and closing in all degrees and the exemplification of the second degree. The W. M., W. Bro. R. C. Puddicombe, has his work well in hand but some of the subordinate officers showed the need of closer application and more attention to details. New Dominion is not a strong lodge numerically considering the size of their town. I tried to impress upon the brethren the value of more interest in lodge work. Evidently a slight degree of friction has existed, but I am pleased to state that the officers, particularly the W. M., are doing their utmost to overcome this and I believe the prospects are now bright for a big advance in New Dominion. Under the careful guidance of R. W. Bro. Holley, the brethren cannot get far astray. The lodge hall had been recently decorated and presented a neat appearance. Arriving a stranger, in a strange land, I departed from New Hamburg leaving many new and true friends and brethren, and convinced that the evening's proceedings had been mutually beneficial.

Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown, April 24th, 1917. As this lodge formerly belonged to Hamilton District, my acquaintance with the brethren was limited to that of the W. M. Bro. Dr. J. R. Nixon, who was a University student with me, and it was a pleasure to meet him in this capacity. Credit Lodge was called upon on February 1st to suffer the loss by death of the Worshipful Master, W.

Bro. W. L. Hamilton. It was, therefore, necessary to elect a Wor. Master in his stead, and they very wisely chose W. Bro. Dr. Nixon to preside for the balance of the year. The brethren of Credit Lodge appreciated very much the visit of brethren from Conestogo and Mercer Lodges and are quite assured of their welcome into Wellington District. The evening's proceedings consisted of the exemplification of the M. M. degree in a very instructive style. I found quite a number of variations in methods from those practised in Wellington District, but nothing of great importance. I was gratified to find the lodge in a splendid healthy condition. They have a fine lodge room, with ample space, good equipment, and tastefully decorated. The officers are all well skilled and enthusiastic in the work, and the brethren may confidently look forward to many years of good work. They are a fine lot of Masons, and I consider Credit Lodge a valuable acquisition to Wellington District. Financially the lodge is in good condition, but a few of the brethren are somewhat dilatory about their dues and there are too many in arrears.

Galt Lodge No. 257, Galt, October 3rd, 1916. I had the pleasure of making my initial visit in the district to Galt Lodge. The event was their annual Past Masters' night and every P. M. who now lives within the jurisdiction of Galt Lodge was present. R. W. Bro. J. H. Cowan performed the duties of W. M. for the evening, while the various chairs were all occupied by P. Ms. It would be superfluous to state that each officer did credit to his office, to himself, and to his lodge. Unfortunately W. Bro. Raup, who was elected to serve a second year in the East, had been called by business to the States some months ago, but the affairs of Galt Lodge are decidedly safe during his enforced absence in the care of such competent P. Ms. The work of the evening consisted of opening and closing in all degrees, with discussion in each. The brethren were much disappointed in that their prospective candidate for the third degree was unavoidably absent. A most enjoyable and profitable time was spent. The feature which impressed me

most strongly was the harmony and goodfellowship which prevails among the brethren of Galt Lodge. They also exhibited a keen thoroughness in their work as well as great care exercised in the admission of applicants for membership.

Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph, December 12th 1916. Until this date my acquaintance with the brethren of Guelph Lodge had been quite limited, but my reception was so cordial and my entertainment so pleasant that, before the evening's proceedings closed, I felt that I had been among friends of life-long acquaintance. I had the pleasure of introducing to the Guelph brethren my District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. J. Harnwell, who accompanied me on this visit. The W. M. W. Bro. Chas. R. Penfold, assisted by a staff of well skilled officers, exemplified the first degree in a splendidly competent fashion. The officers then opened and closed in the other degrees and I reviewed the details of each, which was followed by profitable discussion by the brethren present. Competent and earnest men fill every office in the lodge and the prospects for future success and efficiency in work are assured. Here, as in many other lodges a very creditable number of the members were attired in the King's uniform, and the honour of Guelph lodge will be well maintained when these brethren are called upon to give an account of themselves. Good progress has been made in the lodge during the year in respect to membership, and there has always been an abundance of material for degree work at the regular and many emergent meetings. The Secretary, Bro. James Ryder, is a very capable officer and gives good attention to his duties.

New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler, May 14th, 1917. This was the only visit I made by motor on which I was not accompanied by brethren of Conestogo Lodge. Passing through Elora I picked up R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller and W. Bro. Chas Burt, of Irvine Lodge. We were accompanied from Guelph by a number of the Royal City brethren. While waiting for the brethren to gather we were shown

through their numerous and spacious rooms and viewed their splendid equipment. New Hope Lodge is fortunate in having an abundance of room for all purposes. The attendance was noticeably small but this was probably due to the fact that the meeting was an emergent one, and that there were also some counter attractions occupying the attention of the brethren. Some of the junior officers were absent, but competent substitutes were easily enlisted from the side benches. The W. M. conferred the M. M. degree and received splendid assistance from his subordinates. He was also ably supported by several P.Ms. This lodge has not been very active during the past year. One would have expected that in the flourishing and prosperous town where so many young men are employed a substantial increase in membership would have been theirs. I believe, however, that this is only a temporary lull and that in the near future New Hope will again advance along this line, for they have material, ability and enthusiasm for splendid work.

Conestogo Lodge No. 295, Drayton, October 17th, 1916. Of the many pleasant experiences it has been my privilege to enjoy in Masonry, nothing has given me more genuine pleasure than the visit to my mother lodge on this date. I was welcomed to a profusely decorated lodge room by the largest attendance I have ever seen in Conestogo Lodge, and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. I was particularly gratified by the attendance of visitors from the lodges who were our former associates in the district but who are now severed from us by the recent redistribution. But as one visiting P. M expressed himself, "Grand Lodge can tear this old Wellington District to smithereens, but we still mean to stand together and retain all our former fraternal relations." Among the visitors we were especially honoured with the presence of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Snelgrove, of Galt, Grand Chaplain, who gave us a splendid address at the banquet and some very fine thoughts in the lodge. My modesty prevents me dilating on the work of the evening and I have asked R. W. Bro. Snelgrove to assist me in this delicate task. I wish to state,

however, that I have never seen more excellent work exemplified in Conestogo Lodge during my ten years of membership than was my pleasure to witness on this occasion. It is a particular pleasure for me to thus congratulate my⁴ brethren openly on their efficiency. R. W. Bro. Snelgrove's report is as follows:

"In response to a pressing invitation from R. W. Bro. Flath to visit his mother lodge with him on this occasion, I journeyed to Drayton for the first time. No District Deputy could hope for a more loyal or enthusiastic reception than that which was tendered to R. W. Bro. Flath. There was a very large attendance of members and also a large number of visitors from outside points; brethren were present from Harriston, Fergus, Elora, Palmerston, Mount Forest, Clifford, London and Galt.

At this meeting the second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. G. F. Clark, assisted by his officers. The work was of an exceptionally high order, each officer showing an efficiency not often surpassed. The whole proceedings gave evidence of splendid preparation and the officers are to be commended for their excellent work; the whole lodge is permeated with real enthusiasm and earnestness. At the close of the meeting a very elaborate banquet was served, where we were joined by the ladies and two or three very pleasant hours were spent in a social way."

Preston Lodge No. 297, Preston, November 3rd, 1916. Accompanied by my District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. J. Harnwell, W. Bro. T. Henderson and Bro. E. T. Hambly, of Conestogo Lodge, I motored to Preston on this date to pay an official visit. The W. M., W. Bro. H. L. Clare, made us feel at once in the presence of friends by introducing us to the large number of brethren who had assembled for the meeting. Some of the Galt brethren and a number from Wilmot Lodge, Baden, helped to swell the attendance and added materially to the pleasure of the evening. This date

was "Election Night," and I enjoyed this order of business very much. I was particularly impressed with the harmonious manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted. In this, as in other departments, the W. M. has the assistance of a number of well informed P. Ms. The work of the evening consisted of opening and closing in all degrees and the exemplification of the first degree. I am pleased to state that the officers of Preston Lodge from Master to Steward are very competent, and I can foresee for the lodge good work for years to come. They have a most efficient Secretary in the person of W. Bro. D. M. Johnston. They have a good bank account and altogether are in a very creditable position.

Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden, May 11th, 1917
 Of Wilmot Lodge I had known very little, since it was also one of the lodges absorbed into Wellington District from South Huron No. 4. I found the brethren in a very comfortable room, prettily decorated, nicely furnished, and a splendid attendance on hand. Besides the members of Wilmot Lodge there was a goodly number of visitors present, including my District Secretary, W. Bro. Geo. H. Awde. Wilmot Lodge is not strong numerically and is not adding to its membership. During the year there have been no applications, so the officers have had little opportunity of fitting themselves in the degree work. Having no candidates they opened and closed in all degrees and performed this work very efficiently. Wilmot Lodge has suffered the loss of two of its valued members in the past year. W. Bro. Allan Bechtel has removed from Baden to Waterloo and R. W. Bro. Fred. Holwel, P.D.D.G.M., who passed away last October.

Word had been received just shortly before my visit of the death at the front of Bro. C. T. Walker who was killed in the discharge of his duty to his Empire. The funeral grand honours were given in respect to his brave death.

While the lodge is small in numbers and not very active in the work at present, the brethren and officers are not by any means dormant in their

interest. They have in V. W. Bro. J. R. Livingstone a most enthusiastic brother, who can always be relied upon to keep the brethren in proper lines. They are fortunate also in having a faithful and efficient Secretary in the person of W. Bro. W. Waugh.

Walker Lodge No. 321, Acton, April 30th, 1917. This lodge is also one of those transferred by the redistribution from Hamilton District No. 8 to Wellington District and we have already found that Hamilton's loss is Wellington's gain. The attendance was good, and here again I found myself among entire strangers with one exception. All strangers when I arrived, all friends when I departed. The W. M. of Walker Lodge, W. Bro. W. L. Mullin, deserved and received great commendation for the manner in which he conducted the work of raising a candidate to the third degree. After the exemplification of the degree the proceedings assumed the form of a lodge of instruction and much discussion took place regarding various points. A few days later I was very much gratified to receive from the Secretary a letter of appreciation of my visit, stating I had given them "Just the kind of instruction that they needed." These are the things that gladden the heart of the D.D.G.M., and cause him to feel that his efforts are appreciated. The proceedings of the whole evening were, in fact, those of harmony and good fellowship.

Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus, April 13th, 1917. Having arranged with the W. M. and officers of Irvine Lodge, Elora, to make a fraternal visit and exemplify the third degree on this date, the Secretary of Mercer Lodge, R. W. Bro. Perry, requested that I make my official visit on the same date. I very gladly consented and was splendidly rewarded in seeing the officers of both lodges perform. The officers of Mercer Lodge opened and closed in all degrees, while the officers of Irvine Lodge conferred the degree. This was performed in a very able manner. A few officers of Mercer Lodge showed the necessity of closer application to their respective portions of the work. This I point-

ed out, and my suggestions were cordially received. Mercer Lodge officers have in the past been doing good work and I have no doubt that the present incumbents will be fully up to the standard by the end of their term. Altogether, I feel that my visit to Mercer Lodge will prove of mutual benefit. The attendace was good. The best of harmony prevails in both lodges and frequent fraternal visits are made. A fair amount of work has been done during the year by Mercer Lodge and several of its members are in the King's uniform. The general welfare of the lodge is well cared for by the painstaking Secretary, R. W. Bro. P. Perry.

Waverley Lodge No. 361, Guelph, May 16th, 1917. If there is a lodge in Wellington District that succeeds in accomplishing what it sets out to do, that lodge is Waverley. Instituted in 1877, it has rapidly grown to the largest membership, having no less than 266 members.

They are comfortably housed together with Speed and Guelph Lodges, in one of the finest and most thoroughly equipped temples to be found in Ontario, and are consequently in a position to carry on their work to the best advantage. The occasion of my visit was their annual Military Night, and the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Alex. Jaffray, W.M., and his regular officers in a perfect manner. Congratulations were extended to the W. M. and officers on their high degree of proficiency. The splendid music by the Double Male Quartette added much to impressiveness of the ceremony.

The attendance was, I believe, the largest at any of my official visits, a large number of visitors being present from outside points. At the banquet the addresses were of an exceptionally intellectual character, the response to the toasts of the "Army and Navy" by Rev. Neil Leckie, of Kirkwall, being a most inspiring patriotic effort.

My reception here, as elsewhere, was most cordial. I seemed to be particularly at home with

the Waverley brethren, especially did I enjoy being the guest of W. Bro. Alex. Jaffray, than whom no brother in the Royal City is held in higher esteem.

There need be no doubts as to the future success of Waverley Lodge.

Twin City Lodge No. 509, Kitchener, November 24th, 1916. At my own request I visited Twin City Lodge on the night of an emergency meeting. This is the infant lodge of Wellington District, and though only four years old it bids fair to become one of the strongest in this jurisdiction. If enthusiasm and capability count for anything in a lodge, the future of Twin City Lodge is beyond doubt.

The Kitchener brethren, comprising the two lodges, Grand River No. 151 and Twin City No. 509, have most magnificent apartments, with ample space for all lodge and social functions, and in addition have a well equipped club room. Harmony and activity were everywhere manifest. The only regrettable feature of the evening's proceedings was the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Finnegan, owing to illness. His place, however, was most capably taken by W. Bro. S. A. Smithson, who conferred the third degree assisted by a number of P. Ms. It was a treat to witness the efficient way these P. Ms supported the Master, an example of what should be done in all lodges, viz., to give the Past Masters some work at every meeting, so that their interest and enthusiasm may not lag, and to lend variety for the benefit of the brethren in attendance. The best evidence of the prosperity of Twin City Lodge is that throughout the year it has been necessary to hold an emergent meeting every month to keep pace with the degree work.

Waterloo Lodge, U.D., Instituted June 29th, 1917. Early in the spring I received a petition, signed by thirty-one brethren residing in the town of Waterloo, for a dispensation for a new lodge. After conferring with a number of brethren of Grand River and Twin City Lodges in Kitchener, who heartily approved of the proposal, I was pleased to

endorse their petition and recommended the granting of the dispensation to the Grand Master. I was well acquainted with the difficulties in the way of the Waterloo brethren attending lodge at Kitchener and felt sure that this was a field which needed but a little cultivation to produce good results for the craft. On June 29th I instituted this new lodge under most pleasant and favourable circumstances. There were present twenty brethren who had signed the petition and no less than seventy brethren from the sister lodges in the district, among them quite a number of Grand Lodge officers. I was assisted in the ceremony by the following brethren, acting as officers, myself in the East:—S.W., R. W. Bro. B. W. Ziemann, of Preston; J.W., R. W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, of Galt; S.D., V. W. Bro. Jas. R. Livingstone, of Baden; J.D., W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Woolner, of Ayr; Secretary, W. Bro. S. A. Smithson, of Kitchener; D. of C., R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, of New Hamburg; Chap., W. Bro. J. A. Hallman, of Kitchener; I.G., W. Bro. M. Schiedel, of Kitchener. The brethren of Waterloo Lodge showed good judgment in their selection as their first Worshipful Master, W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill. He is thoroughly capable and well fitted to preside in the pioneer days of the lodge. In W. Bro. Allan Bechtel as S.W. they have chosen a brother of untiring zeal and energy. W. Bro. A. B. McBride, formerly of York Lodge 156, Toronto, and a P.M. of Grand River Lodge, will, in the capacity of J. W., prove a most efficient officer. The assistant officers are all capable men and brethren of sterling qualities and the success of Waterloo Lodge is assured in their care.

Following is the full staff of officers:—W. M., W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill; S.W., W. Bro. Allan Bechtel; J.W., W. Bro. A. B. McBride; Secretary, Bro. A. H. Cochrane; Treasurer, Bro. Ernest Haedke; Chap., Bro. W. D. Brill; S.D., Bro. Arthur Foster; J.D., Bro. J. S. Lockie; D. of C., Bro. F. J. Weidenhammer; S.S., Bro. J. E. Richardson; J.S., Bro. A. A. Butler; I.G., Bro. Ezra Bechtel; Organist Bro. F. C. Duke; Tyler, Bro. Thos. A. Sherman.

Lodge of Instruction.

I am convinced that an opportunity should be given at least once a year for the brethren of all the lodges in a district to meet together to see the work exemplified and to discuss various difficult questions that are always bound to arise concerning certain features of the work. In my opinion there is no better method of accomplishing uniformity and of bringing it to a high standard. Then the social side of Masonry, a most important feature of our craft, cannot be better cultivated than at a re-union of this kind.

Accordingly I accepted the kind invitation of Speed Lodge No. 180 of the City of Guelph, to hold a Lodge of Instruction under their auspices in the Masonic temple on May 24th. Sixteen of the seventeen lodges in the district were represented and a most successful meeting resulted. The brethren of the lodge not represented—Ayr No. 172—started for Guelph but before they had proceeded far, owing to bad condition of the roads, were obliged to abandon the trip.

It has not been my privilege before to be associated with so many present and past Grand Lodge officials at a function of this kind. The following distinguished brethren were in attendance—R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., D.G.M.; R. W. Bros. John H. Rowland, D.D.G.M., Toronto Centre 11b; Dr. P. T. Coupland, D.D.G.M., South Huron No. 4; also the following P.D.D.G.Ms. R. W. Bros. Wm. Cowan, Jas. H. Cowan, D. Forsyth, W. G. Stephenson, Prof. W. H. Day, B. W. Zieman, D. B. Miller, P. Perry, all of Wellington District No. 7; R. W. Bros. F. A. Latshaw and Dr. F. Hanna, of Hamilton District; R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, formerly D.D.G.M. South Huron No. 4 and R. W. Bro. J. T. Powers, formerly D.D.G.M. Toronto No. 11. There were also present nearly two hundred brethren from the various lodges in the district.

The proceedings were begun at 2.15 p.m. when lodge was opened by the officers of Speed Lodge

No. 180, Guelph, under the direction of the W. M., W. Bro. Thos. Wright, who welcomed the brethren present in a neat address.

The first degree was exemplified by the officers of Conestogo Lodge No. 295, in exceptionally fine style. These are the officers: W.M., Geo. H. Hines; S. W., Josh. Hilborn; J. W., Geo. F. Agnes; Chaplain, Rev. H. J. Harnwell; Secretary, Calvert Scarr; Treasurer, E. Flath; S.D., Jas. Greive; J.D., Gordon McEwen; D. of C., Jno Gordon; S.D., Jno. A. Thompson; J.S., Peter Bayer; I.G., Thos. Speers; Organist, J. J. Davis.

The officers of Credit Lodge No. 219 then conferred the F. C. degree in a faultless manner, the following brethren in the chairs: W. M., Dr. J. R. Nixon; S. W., A. B. Castell; J.W., E. W. Cole; Chaplain, Ralph Ross; Secretary, George Ford; Treasurer, J. W. Kennedy; S.D., W. A. Wilson; J.D., T. H. Rumford; D. of C., L. L. Plant; S.S., S. B. Warden; J.S., Adam Kay; I.G., E. Benham; Organist, Jno Blain.

We then called off for supper and on resuming at 8 o'clock the W. M. and officers of Speed Lodge No. 180 took the chairs and gave the brethren present one of the finest demonstrations of the Master Mason degree ever seen in this district, the ceremony being made very impressive by the assistance of the Male quartette of the lodge, which rendered a full musical accompaniment.

The personnel of the Speed Lodge officers was: W.M., Thos. Wright; S.W., Lehman Wood; J.W., A. W. Smith; Chaplain, Thos. C. Rundle; Treas., C. Lang; Secy., Geo. R. Coombs; S.D., Geo. Fairley; J.D., Jas. McCallum; D. of C., O. R. Wallace; S.S., Roy Flewelling; J.S. W. H. Sproule; I.G., D. W. Bain; Organist, J. S. Cook.

After each degree I appointed an Advisory Board consisting of five P.D.D.G.Ms. who dealt with all questions arising from the work and valuable discussions took place. Many compliments were paid to the officers of the lodges participating

in the day's proceedings by the P.D.D.G.Ms. and others present. The closing in the three degrees was then exemplified by W. Bro. Chas. R. Penfold and his officers of Guelph Lodge No. 258, and they in turn were heartily congratulated for their efficient work.

Then followed the banquet and a programme of eloquent addresses and fine music. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., made a deep impression on his audience in his response to the toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in which he laid particular stress on the manner in which Masons should live. Perhaps, however, the most fascinating feature of the programme was the address of W. Bro. Rev. A. C. McIntosh in his reply to "Our brethren in khaki." Bro. McIntosh spent considerable time as Chaplain with the boys at the front, was wounded and invalided home. His account of the care of the soldier from his enlistment to the trenches, his life in the trenches, care in the hospital, his welfare from every standpoint, was a most interesting story and brought the brethren close to the front line trenches and the actualities of real warfare. On the whole, it was one grand day, and should bring great benefit to Wellington District.

Before closing my report, I feel that I would be ungrateful if I neglected to make mention of the many banquets and entertaining programmes that were given in my honour. Some of these were very elaborate, and others partook of the nature of a simple lunch, but even in the former it was everywhere apparent that the brethren were endeavouring to keep within bounds in their expenditure. Whether it was elaborate or whether it was simple, my appreciation was the same in either case. I have thought at times that sometimes too much was expended on refreshments, and I was pleased to see the brethren following the trend of the times in economy. But I would not want to be accused of trying to eliminate the social side of Masonry. Here is where we get to know each other better, and what wonderful mental nourishment is supplied

us at these functions! The grand addresses that have been given on patriotic subjects have been a perfect inspiration and the splendid sentiments expressed by the various speakers should make their hearers strong in national determination.

There are a few recommendations I should like to make to Grand Lodge that have been suggested to me by my observations of conditions in this district. About half of our lodges elect their officers at the end of the calendar year, the other half at the end of the Grand Lodge year. I am strongly convinced that it would be very much better to have all lodges elect and install in June and thus make their year coincide with the Grand Lodge year. The District Deputy could then have one set of officers under his observation instead of two as in the case of those who install in December. I believe the interests of Masonry would be better served if such change were made.

I believe also that it would be much better for every lodge to elect all its officers by ballot, instead of requiring the W. M. to appoint the assistant officers, which may at times result in offence to some brethren if they do not receive promotion, or on the other hand, an incompetent officer may be advanced by the W. M., simply to avoid offence. I would also recommend the use of the musical ritual wherever possible as an adjunct to the degree work. I am satisfied the ceremony would be far more impressive to the candidate and would undoubtedly increase the attendance of the brethren.

Finally, I want to again express to all my brethren my deepest gratitude for the honour and many kindnesses they have showered upon me. I have been greatly benefited in my own life by my experiences of the past year, and by having been brought in contact with the best and finest men in every community. It has been one continual round of hospitality and goodwill wherever I have gone and so long as I live I shall not forget the grand experiences that have been mine. My only hope is, not that I have pleased the brethren, but

that I have been able to do something to assist them in being better men and better Masons, in the lodge and out of it.

I trust they may be liberal enough to overlook my short-comings and imperfections, recognizing only those things that they have seen good and helpful.

I close the year with the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may abundantly bless all that has been accomplished. I yield the office to my successor with pleasure and regret. All the knowledge of the work that experience has taught me shall be at his disposal, and I trust that his labours may be made lighter by my efforts.

Fraternally submitted,

EVERON FLATH, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I take much pleasure in submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District No. 8 for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1917.

During the year I have visited all the lodges except Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York, which is hard to reach when the roads are bad, and as this has been a wet season, they were generally bad.

I therefore induced R. W. Bro. James McGregor of Caledonia, to visit this lodge on my behalf, and although he was only five miles away he did not manage it on first attempt but managed to visit them July 3rd.

Masonry has made good progress in this district during the year.

I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction during my year as I don't think the results obtained under the present method are satisfactory.

I would suggest that a Lodge of Instruction be held each year in the city where Grand Lodge is held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge, and that the newly elected D.D.G.Ms. be required to remain over for it, and in this way they would return to their districts with knowledge that would create uniformity of work for the Province and not for districts as at present.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. LANIGAN, D.D.G.M.,

Hamilton District No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Hamilton District No. 8, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodg'rs	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Con'd'd	Meet's held										Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Tota of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular											Emergent				
6	Barton	Hamilton	160	1	11	12	9	3	1	1	9	Suspensions, other causes	7	9	4	13	43	235	00	995	593	00	Dec.	27	1916	V. good	Excel't	Yes	\$500 00	
27	Strict Obs'vanc	Hamilton	155	12	18	15	15	3	3	1	3	1	7	10	12	8	20	75	201	80	16	87	75	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	General
40	St. John's	Hamilton	550	11	23	23	17	7	2	4	7	10	12	8	20	75	200	00	695	120	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Spl did	Yes	joint		
57	Harmony	Burbrook	112	7	9	12	10	1	3	3	1	12	5	17	19	56	40	50	110	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Bright	Yes	1500 00			
61	Acacia	Hamilton	558	19	26	24	25	2	5	2	3	9	13	12	25	90	731	50	50	110	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	joint		
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	93	1	3	6	4	3	1	1	3	1	13	3	16	25	220	00	45	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	200 00			
100	Valley	Dundas	218	13	16	18	21	4	1	4	12	2	11	10	21	31	45	00	28	110	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1300 00		
135	St. Clair	Milton	115	5	5	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	10	10	12	1	3	30	75	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	3600 00			
165	Burlington	Burlington	146	3	7	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	11	21	38	73	30	3	21	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00			
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	162	7	6	7	7	1	1	1	3	1	12	3	15	28	14	51	50	Dec.	30	1916	Good	Good	Yes	3600 00				
185	Emiskillen	York	39	7	6	7	7	2	1	1	3	1	13	7	20	12	11	00	5	30	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes		
272	Seymour	Ancaster	149	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	3	1	13	2	15	25	28	00	48	00	Dec.	27	1916	V. good	Good	Yes	200 00			
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	100	4	6	6	2	1	1	1	3	1	13	2	15	27	15	00	10	75	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00		
324	Temple	Hamilton	119	5	18	17	10	2	2	2	11	4	10	14	10	20	10	51	167	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Excel't	Yes	600 00			
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	131	1	2	2	8	1	1	1	12	1	12	2	14	20	38	00	23	67	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	V. good	Yes	600 00		
382	Doric	Hamilton	410	2	21	21	21	1	1	12	4	12	4	16	16	573	82	07	329	40	Dec.	27	1916	Excel't	Bright	Yes	400 00			
400	Oakville	Oakville	176	9	12	6	8	2	2	2	12	3	12	21	42	80	57	10	59	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Excel't	Yes	400 00			
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	277	52	58	15	38	1	4	1	5	3	12	12	24	58	288	21	12	79	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	joint		
495	Electric	Hamilton	355	36	35	32	30	4	3	1	5	1	12	6	18	64	311	66	6	29	00	Dec.	27	1916	Spl'nd	Fine	Yes	joint		
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	168	29	28	36	31	3	1	1	2	1	11	8	19	17	92	50	5	31	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Bright	Yes	200 00		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Masonry throughout Georgian District No. 9, for the year 1916-17.

I wish first to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also to express my thanks for the assistance and many acts of courtesy extended to me by members of the craft throughout the district, many of whom, at considerable inconvenience and expense to themselves cheerfully accompanied me on my official visits. In this respect I feel that I must express my heartiest appreciation of the support accorded me by the members of my mother lodge, Seven Star No. 285.

The past year has been one upon which I can always look back with a great deal of pleasure and I hope to retain the many good friendships that I have been fortunate in forming.

Upon assuming my duties my first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. R. J. Wallace as District Secretary, and Bro. B. N. de Foe Wagner as District Chaplain.

I have visited every lodge in the district officially and several of them fraternally on special occasions and have pleasure in reporting that Freemasonry in Georgian District is in a flourishing and harmonious condition with a widespread desire in evidence for more knowledge along Masonic lines. Too many of our members are Masons in name only, and largely so because they have had no opportunity of receiving instruction as to the meaning of our symbols, history and teachings, beyond that contained in the ritual. I would re-

spectfully suggest that Grand Lodge consider some means of disseminating Masonic knowledge either by the circulation of instructive literature or by lecturers.

Official Visits.

Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on February 13th, the occasion being "Military night." The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Col. McPhee on a sergeant of his battalion. The chairs were all filled by members of the battalion and the work was done impressively and well. The W. M., W. Bro. Connelly, and his officers opened and closed the lodge faultlessly. Manito Lodge stands so well to the front that no further comment on their work is necessary.

Beaver Lodge No. 234, Clarksburg. I visited this lodge on February 14th. The work in the first degree was put on by W. Bro. W. E. Jonhston in an impressive manner, with the assistance of an efficient staff of officers. This lodge has the good fortune to include two Past D.D.G. Masters, R. W. Bro. Pye and R. W. Bro. Kent, under whose guidance Beaver Lodge cannot fail to prosper.

Karnak Lodge No. 492, Coldwater. I visited this lodge on March 8th. Business: balloting and initiation. The work was well done in every particular. The W. M., W. Bro. G. W. Scott, was very proficient. The Junior Warden gave the lecture splendidly and the Deacons' work was also well done. This lodge has a number of P, Ms. who are a continual source of strength to it.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbour. My visit to this lodge was made on March 20th. The W. M., W. Bro. McPhee, was unable to be present and the work, which consisted of the first degree, was put on by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Jones, who conferred the degree in a very impressive manner. W. Bro. E. B. Brown gave the charge perfectly and the Junior Warden, although slightly nervous, gave his lecture well.

Corinthian Lodge No. 96 and Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. By arrangement, kindly made by the officers of these lodges, I was able to pay my official visit to a joint meeting on March 22nd. W. Bro. Barr, the W. M. of Corinthian Lodge, and his officers, opened and closed in the three degrees faultlessly, and W. Bro. Redfern, the W. M. of Kerr Lodge, and his officers, conferred the first degree in a most efficient manner. The Junior Warden gave his lecture perfectly and the Deacon's work was very commendable. By special invitation I visited Kerr Lodge on Sept. 13th, the occasion being a "Military night" put on by the brethren of Camp Borden, of whom about three hundred were present. The P. G. M., M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, of Toronto, was also present and gave a most inspiring address. I also visited Kerr Lodge by special invitation on Nov. 23rd, the occasion being "Past Masters' night." A large number of the brethren were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. W. Bro. Marr, of Kerr Lodge, gave an instructive paper on "The Symbolism of the Second Degree," and the I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Tudhope, gave an inspiring address on "The Spirit of Masonry."

Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland. I visited this lodge on April 2nd. The W. M., W. Bro. Bell, and his efficient staff of officers worked the first degree creditably. All the officers have their work well in hand and Caledonian Lodge should enjoy good progress in the future.

Nitetis Lodge No. 444, Creemore. My visit to this lodge was made on April 10th. There was no degree work but a candidate was balloted for. I had the W. M., W. Bro. Corbett and his officers open and close in the three degrees and had the W. M. give the penalties and the Wardens the lectures, all of which was most creditably done. The officers would do better if they had more work to do. The black ball has been used injudiciously in this lodge and the lack of business methods in regard to the arrears of dues has had much to do with retarding the progress of the lodge. Under

the present officers the prospects are brighter and with good management Nitetis Lodge will come to its own again.

Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. I visited here on April 13th. As this is my mother lodge I requested R. W. Bro. Thomas McKnight, P.D.D.G. M., to accompany me and report on the work. His report is as follows: "W. Bro. Caesar and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The W. M. had his work well in hand. The S. W. is to be congratulated on the accurate and impressive manner in which he performed the duties of his office. The J. W. gave the lecture to the candidate, but owing to nervousness, made a few errors. It was evident that he knew his work well. The Deacons were very prompt and accurate in discharging their duties. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Its membership is increasing very rapidly and the new material is of a very high standard. After the lodge was closed excellent speeches were given by visiting brethren from Cookstown and by the P. Ms. of Seven Star Lodge. I must make special mention of the address of R. W. Bro. Hill. It was the consensus of opinion of all present that it was one of the most interesting and instructive addresses they had listened to for some time. R. W. Bro. Hill is arousing a great deal of enthusiasm in Masonry throughout this district."

Tottenham Lodge No. 467, Tottenham. I visited this lodge on April 25th. The Fellowcraft degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Semple and his officers in a fair manner. This lodge has not had a great deal of work during the past year and all the officers require more practice to do the work smoothly. The Secretary has his work well in hand and the lodge is fortunate in having the assistance and advice of W. Bro. McKenzie, a veteran Mason. The work of both Wardens was especially commendable.

Northern Light Lodge No. 266, Stayner. I visited here on May 1st. The W. M., W. Bro. Campbell, and his officers worked the third degree.

The W. M. gave his work impressively and practically letter perfect. The other officers were fairly proficient, but they require a little training to do the work smoothly. The Secretary is a very capable officer. This lodge is entitled to honourable mention for the great generosity shown to members of the lodge who have been incapacitated through illness. P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Bethune, has contributed very materially to the splendid Masonic spirit so much in evidence in this lodge.

Georgian Lodge No. 348, Penetanguishene. I visited here on May 3rd. The W. M., W. Bro. Todd, assisted by an excellent staff of officers, exemplified the third degree in a most satisfactory manner, every officer being well up in his work. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. Keefe, is efficient, and to him is largely due the good financial condition of the lodge, which is in the unique position of having no outstanding dues. Masonry in Penetanguishene is characterized by harmony and prosperity. R. W. Bro. Martin of this lodge is a power for good for Masonry in this part of the district.

Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale. My visit here was on May 4th. There was a large attendance of brethren and the evening was marked by the good work done by the W. M., W. Bro. Simpson, and his officers. The E. A. degree was exemplified and, considering that neither of the Wardens had held any office prior to the present year, was very well done. This lodge has good prospects for the future.

Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown. My visit here was on May 8th. The W. M. Bro. Freeman Campbell, and his officers put on the E. A. degree almost letter perfect and in an impressive manner. The J. W. gave the lecture well. This lodge is fortunate in having a large number of P. Ms. who are always ready to help, among them being R. W. Bro. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., and V. W. Bro. Mackay, who discharges the duties of Secretary most efficiently. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge fraternally on Dec. 12th, the occasion being the presentation of a set of regalia to R. W. Bro. McKnight.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 137, Meaford. On my official visit here on May 11th the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. A. G. Bright, and his officers, assisted by several P. Ms., all of whom did their work very thoroughly. The J. W.'s work was very good. The candidate gave evidence of being excellent Masonic material. The lodge is in good working condition, having enthusiastic officers and members, and I can predict a bright future for it.

Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud. My visit here was on May 15th. The W. M., W. Bro. Martin, presided. No degree was worked as the candidate, a military man, could not be present. I had the officers open and close in the three degrees and the Wardens gave the lectures and the W. M. the penalties, all of which was very creditably done. This lodge enjoys a reputation for hospitality and good fellowship and many visiting brethren were present on this occasion.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia. My visit here was on May 18th. The W. M., W. Bro. Sinclair, occupied the chair. The E. A. degree was worked faultlessly, every officer doing his work perfectly. This is the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Tudhope, I.P.D.D.G.M., and there is abundant evidence in this lodge, as well as the lodges throughout Georgian District, of his zeal for Masonry and his influence for the good of the craft. The harmony prevailing among the members and the courtesy and hospitality extended to their visitors, made this a visit long to be remembered.

Spry Lodge No. 385, Beeton. I visited this lodge on May 28th. The W. M., W. Bro. Baycroft, and his officers exemplified the second degree in a satisfactory manner. The S. W. gave the lecture very impressively. This lodge has been handicapped during the past year by the removal of several of its officers, which has had a bad effect on the smoothness of the work. The lodge has comfortable and well furnished quarters and the brethren appreciate the value of the social side of Masonry. The Secretary, Bro. Stewart, is to be commended for his efficiency.

I also have had the pleasure of recommending to the M. W. the Grand Master the granting for a dispensation for a new lodge at Port McNichol, which I am pleased to say he has seen fit to grant. This lodge will start with about sixty charter members and I can confidently predict for it a prosperous future.

In conclusion, let me say that I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of my office in the best interests of Masonry and I surrender the gavel with the earnest hope that it may be my good fortune to retain many of the warm friendships I have formed during my term of office. For my successor I bespeak the same loyal support, friendship and brotherly love that have been so bountifully bestowed upon me by the brethren of Georgian district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. HILL, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District No. 9.

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have very great pleasure in submitting, for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Niagara District during the past year. I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honour and distinction bestowed upon me in electing me to this high and important office and for the many courtesies received at their hands. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me and of the responsibility of the office. My task has been made easy and pleasant by the uniform kindness and hearty co-operation extended me throughout the district.

I am glad to report harmony and progress throughout the whole district. I have not been called upon to settle any differences during my term of office. The work witnessed in the different lodges was of a uniform and generally high order. The Worshipful Masters and officers are enthusiastic and anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible in accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, capable of managing their lodges with skill and ability as men and Masons should do, and acting in conjunction with their brethren for the betterment of mankind.

I have endeavoured to encourage visiting throughout the district between the various lodges, and I find this an excellent way for officers to pick up and work out little points to harmonize with the ritual. I am pleased to report that most of the lodges in Niagara District are visiting and exchanging work.

I have spent considerable time explaining the Benevolent fund of Grand Lodge and am satisfied from the expression of the brethren that when more money is required Niagara District will not be slow responding to the call.

It was my privilege to visit every lodge in the district and on every occasion reference was made to the great struggle in which our Empire is now so earnestly engaged. A large number of Masons from this district are overseas fighting for the cause of freedom.

I could not help noticing that the work is put on more impressively when several P. Ms. each take a part and would recommend all Masters to invite Past Masters to assist them.

Fraternal Dead.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

R. W. Bro. Alfred E. Hurrell, October 9th, 1916; Bro. John A. Graham, March 23rd, 1917; and Bro. Solomon C. Smith, February 25th, 1917, members of Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg; Bro. Geo. Christman, April 8th, 1917; Bro. Richard W. Page, May 10th, 1917, members of Phoenix Lodge, U.D., Fonthill; Bro. Geo. Poole, September 29th, 1916; Bro. Geo. Ryckman, October 31st, 1916, and W. Bro. Thos. Wood, December 8th, 1916, members of Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville; Bro. J. Burton Houston, April 13th, 1917; Bro. Jos. Seath Greenhill, May 3rd, 1917, and Bro. W. C. S. Holland, died "Somewhere in France," in May, 1917, members of Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie; Bro. Frank Le Bond, November 13th, 1916; Bro. William Dalton, December 20th, 1916, and Bro. William Dafoe, February 21st, 1917, members of St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South; Bro. David Mylchrist, September 6th, 1916; Bro. Walter McGibbon, December 5th, 1916; members of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines; Bro. George Barclay, died in France, June 5th, 1917, of gunshot wounds, member of Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines; Bro. Hiram W. Miller, April 1st, 1917, and Bro. Elias Furry, May 1st, 1917, members of Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville; Bro. John Kimmins, July 24th, 1916; Bro. J. L. McCartney, in July, 1916, and Bro. John Nied, May 2nd, 1917, members of Clifton Lodge

No. 254, Niagara Falls; Bro. J. Ambrose Pettit, July 15th, 1916; Bro. Alonzo Louks, December 9th, 1916, and W. Bro. William Cowan, February 24th, 1917. members of Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby; Bro. Ephraim Meadows, March 30th, 1917; Bro. Neil Black, May 14th, 1917, and Bro. H. T. Longhurst, May 14th, 1917, members of Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Official Visits.

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville, I visited on January 8th, 1917. There was a large attendance and I received a cordial welcome. W. Bro. Armstrong and his officers were all present and assisted by several P. Ms., put on the third degree in a very pleasing and impressive manner. This is one of the new lodges in the district and, although they have had a certain amount of hard luck, they are now nicely on the up grade.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines, I visited on January 25th, 1917. They had a large turnout, a large number of visitors being present. W. Bro. McIntosh, the officers and P. Ms. put on the first degree, having a first class choir to assist; this work was perfect and impressive. This is a lodge of many members, they have quite a lot of dues outstanding which they are endeavouring to collect.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland I visited this lodge on February 5th, 1917. They had a splendid turnout and W. Bro. Brennan and his officers worked the first degree in a perfect and impressive manner.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg, I visited February 6th, 1917. They had a good attendance, a number of brethren from Buffalo being present. W. Bro. Tait and his officers worked the first degree in a very impressive way.

Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls. I visited this lodge on February 22nd, 1917, and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. There was a large turnout of members and visitors. W. Bro.

Church and his officers, assisted by the P. Ms., worked the third degree in an excellent manner. This lodge is quartered in large and beautiful rooms. The lodge has a large membership and considerable dues are outstanding. The Secretary is endeavouring to collect them.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie, I visited on February 28th, 1917, and found harmony prevailing and a large attendance. W. Bro. Nelles and officers, assisted by the P. Ms., worked the third degree in a very able and correct manner. The Secretary's books were in splendid shape and practically no dues outstanding.

McNab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, I visited on March 6th, 1917, and was well received. W. Bro. Ward and officers, assisted by the P. Ms., conferred the first degree in a very able manner. Collections have been good, dues are well looked after, there being practically no arrears.

King Edward VII. Lodge No. 471, Chippawa. I visited this lodge on March 7th, 1917, and was given a royal welcome by R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Brown, P.D.D.G.M., and the members generally. The W. M., Bro. G. A. Land, not having been installed on account of illness, the third degree was put on by W. Bro. Montgomery, assisted by the officers and P. Ms., in a very pleasing and perfect manner. The dues are practically all paid. I understand the Master, W. Bro. G. A. Land, was installed on April 25th, 1917, and I am sure we all hope he will continue to improve in health.

St. Mark's Lodge No. 105, Niagara Falls South, I visited on March 13th, 1917. There was a large meeting. They have a nice sized room which was filled with members and visitors. W. Bro. Stringer, his officers and P. Ms., put on the third degree in a very perfect manner.

Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake, I visited this historic lodge March 14th, 1917. W. Bro. Currie, assisted by the officers, conferred the first and second degrees, putting them both on in a

perfect manner. This lodge has an able and live bunch of P. Ms., who often assist with the degree work.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines. I visited this lodge March 28th, 1917, and was greeted by a large number of members and visitors. W. Bro. Archer, assisted by P. Ms. and officers, conferred the first degree in fine style. The choir was on hand and assisted wonderfully.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines, I visited on March 28th, 1917, and met the usual large number of members which St. Catharines Lodges are noted for. W. Bro. Miller, assisted by the P. M. and officers, put on the first degree in a very efficient way.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville, I visited April 11th, 1917. They had a good turnout of members. W. Bro. Marson, assisted by P. Ms. and officers, conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The evening was spent in a pleasant and profitable way and I noted that W. Bro. Parks, I.P.M., was a live wire in the lodge.

Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland, I visited on April 12th, 1917. There was a large number of members and visitors present. W. Bro. Fralick, assisted by the P. Ms. and officers, put two candidates through the Fellowcraft degree in a perfect manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. G. C. Pettit, P.D.D.G.M., on this occasion.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson. I visited this lodge on April 17th, 1917, and met a large number of members and visitors. The first degree was put on by W. Bro. Camp, assisted by P. Ms. and officers, in a very pleasing and perfect manner.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold, I visited on May 2nd, 1917, and found their spacious quarters filled with members and visitors. W. Bro. Greenville, the W. M., having gone overseas with the 176th Battalion, W. Bro. Mable, I.P.M., was in the chair and worked the third degree in a per-

fect manner. He was ably assisted by the P. Ms. and officers. R. W. Bro. R. G. Hoover, P.D.D.G. M., is very much alert in this lodge and takes an able part in all work.

Union Lodge No. 7, Grimsby. I visited this lodge on May 3rd, and it was like going home. We had a large attendance and an enjoyable evening. W. Bro. Allan, assisted by the P. Ms. and officers, exemplified the third degree in a very competent manner. This lodge is blessed with a number of P. Ms., who always turn out to the meetings with R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, P.D.D.G.M., in the lead. I regret having to report considerable dues outstanding which the Secretary is endeavouring to collect.

Phoenix Lodge, U.D., Fonthill. I visited this lodge on May 7th, 1917, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, W. Bro. R. Wismer and Bro. L. J. Farrell, of Union Lodge No. 7. There was a good attendance. W. Bro. Pattison and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very correct style. They report good attendance at their meetings and are doing well. The Secretary's books are in good condition and the dues all paid.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport. On May 29th, 1917, I visited this lodge accompanied by a number of Grimsby brethren. W. Bro. Simpson, the P. Ms. and officers worked the second degree in a splendid manner, and while we were late in getting started, we did not know when to stop. The Secretary's books are in splendid shape and the dues all paid.

Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville. Last, but not least, I visited Ivy Lodge. They are our neighbours and while we know them fairly well we do not visit often enough. There was a large attendance and W. Bro. Frampton, P. Ms. and officers worked the third degree in a faultless and pleasing manner. The lodge has P. Ms. on deck all the time, who are anxious to do their share.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Secretaries of nearly all the lodges are capable and attentive to their duties and, with few exceptions,

have the dues well collected; this is conducive to regular attendance at lodge meetings, because the brother who is clear on the books is not ashamed to meet his brethren.

I take this opportunity of thanking the lodges who contributed toward the regalia. I was pleased to note that in this district all the lodges with one exception have agreed to the plan of contributing to the D.D.G.M.'s regalia, and I am just wondering what this one lodge will do when they have one of their distinguished members elected D.D.G.M. of the district.

In conclusion, I again thank the brethren of the district for the very hearty reception given me wherever I went and am sure I appreciated the splendid banquets tendered me by the Lodges on each official visit.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. T. FARRELL, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Niagara District No. 10, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confi'd		Meet's held					Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance											
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	B. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations									Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members					
2	Niagara	Niagara	106	4	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	9	4	13	21	40	00	17	110	00	Jan	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	\$3700 00	
7	Union	Grimsby	165	9	5	7	6	6	1	1	2	1	1	3	13	6	19	29	92	05	12	136	15	Jan	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	169	6	15	15	17	6	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	11	22	26	75	00	25	250	00		1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
32	Amity	Dunnville	158	11	11	11	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	11	7	18	20	40	00	20	400	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	268	17	25	19	17	5	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	14	4	18	27	100	00	19	108	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	174	5	9	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	13	6	19	35	42	70	25	172	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	146	6	8	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	13	27	30	25	180	25	180	25	Dec. 31	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
168	Merritt	Welland	157	18	3	17	18	17	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	12	6	18	22	10	00	5	36	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Fair	600 00
169	MacNab	Pt. Colborne	103	1	6	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	13	6	19	50	10	00	23	409	92	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	173	13	10	7	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	13	6	19	50	10	00	23	409	92	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	278	15	11	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	16	30	33	129	00	4	75	00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00
277	Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie	71	5	4	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	11	7	18	21	50	00	16	151	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines	169	17	14	11	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	10	20	12	12	60	00	6	151	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
337	Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	62	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	20	12	12	60	00	6	151	00	Dec.	1915	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	96	9	9	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	9	4	13	24	190	00	5	15	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	113	6	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	11	9	20	18	190	00	4	15	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
373	Copestone	Welland	168	20	20	27	16	3	1	2	2	1	1	3	13	19	32	22	44	00	5	21	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
471	K. G. Edward VII	Chippawa	53	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	11	3	14	11	10	00	3	22	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
502	Coronation	Smithville	53	6	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	19	10	00	1	6	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	49	7	2	6	6	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	12	4	16	15	10	00	1	6	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Toronto West District No. 11 for the year ending June 30th, 1917.

First, I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the honour conferred upon me in selecting me to perform the duties of the high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the kind and courteous manner in which I have been received in every part of the district. The splendid financial condition and the high state of proficiency in which I have found the country as well as the city lodges has been gratifying, and the keen interest shown by the brethren while the degree work was being performed, gave evidence of the anxiety of the members to see their officers do the work in the best possible manner.

A gratifying feature of my official visits has been the number of Past Masters who have accompanied me on almost all occasions, I take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation.

As my District Secretary, I appointed W. Bro. R. B. Magill, and I am greatly indebted to him for his prompt and careful attention at all times.

Harmony and progress throughout the whole district prevails and I have found everywhere among the fraternity a desire for improvement and growth.

On September 13th, 1916, pursuant to instructions from Grand Lodge, I visited High Park Lodge No. 531, Toronto, for the purpose of constituting, consecrating the lodge and installing the officers. In this I was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. G. Cane, G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.G.R.; R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. R.

Charlton and others. High Park Lodge begins its career under very favourable conditions and under the guidance of W. Bro. G. M. Hermiston and his officers will, I have no doubt, rapidly become one of the strong lodges in the district.

Again, on October 19th, I had the pleasure of constituting and consecrating Shamrock Lodge No. 533, when I was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.D.G.M., District No. 11b; R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, D.D.G.M., District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. J. G. Cane, G.J.W.; R. W. Bro. G. H. Smith, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.G.R.; V. W. Bro. R. Charlton and others. This lodge is under the guidance of R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully, P. D.D.G.M., and could not be in better hands; it has a good staff of officers and a great future is before it.

November 3rd, 1916, I visited True Blue Lodge No. 98, Bolton. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. G. Lockwood and his officers to my entire satisfaction. I am pleased to report this lodge is making progress. There was a good attendance of P. Ms. and members.

November 24th, 1916, I visited Humber Lodge No. 305, Weston. W. Bro. B. Cowan and his officers conferred the third degree in a satisfactory manner. It was a pleasure to see so many of the old P. Ms. taking an interest in the lodge. There were a number of visitors from the city lodges and a pleasant evening was spent.

February 5th, 1917. According to dispensation from Grand Lodge, I instituted Ulster Lodge U.D., In the ceremony I was assisted by R. W. Bro. H. C. Tugwell, D.D.G.M. District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.D.G.M. District No. 11b; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.G.R.; R. W. Bro. G. H. Smith, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. R. Charlton and others. This lodge, under the direction of W. Bro. Frederick Dane, assisted by a capable set of officers is setting out under most favourable auspices.

February 1st, 1917, I visited Alpha Lodge No. 384. The first degree was conferred upon a can-

didate in an impressive manner, the Master, W. Bro. G. G. Mackenzie, being assisted by some of the P. Ms. of the lodge. There was a good attendance and Alpha is prosperous. I had the pleasure of having R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.D.D.G.M., accompany me on this visit.

February 2nd, 1917, I visited St. George Lodge No. 367. W. Bro. A. G. Nelson and his officers conferred the first degree to my entire satisfaction. This lodge is in good hands and the financial position good. This lodge has a large membership, being one of the older lodges of the district.

February 8th, 1917, I visited University Lodge No. 496. W. Bro. W. J. McCollum and his officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The general condition of this lodge is good. The fourth degree was marked by its sociability, which has a great deal to do with the success of the lodge. Many members have enlisted for overseas. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.D.G.M. District No. 11b, who is a member of this lodge.

February 9th, 1917, I visited Parkdale Lodge No. 510. W. Bro. G. E. Buchanan and his officers conferred the first degree and I have no hesitation in saying that I have never seen the work done better. W. Bro. Buchanan and his officers deserve great credit for efficiency. There is evidence of prosperity in this lodge. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers in December.

February 20th, 1917, I visited Shamrock Lodge No. 533. R. W. Bro. H. C. Scully and his officers put on two initiations in a creditable manner. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Shamrock Lodge is in good condition financially and the lodge is having a healthy growth and is doing good work.

February 27th, 1917, I visited Temple Lodge No. 525. W. Bro. Conrad Miller and his officers initiated a candidate in an impressive manner. The officers are enthusiastic and the interest of the

lodge appears to be in good hands. There was a large attendance of members from Stanley and Victoria Lodges. which meet in the same hall and constantly visit one another.

February 28th, 1917, I visited Zeta Lodge No. 410. W. Bro. W. H. C. McEachern and his officers conferred the third degree in a manner which was all that could be desired. The P. Ms. here give loyal support to the officers. The financial condition of the lodge is strong.

March 6th, 1917, I visited Mimico Lodge No. 369, Lambton Mills. W. Bro. J. T. Phillips and his officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. The W. M. is a painstaking and enthusiastic officer, and the attendance was large.

March 13th, 1917, I visited Mount Sinai Lodge No. 522. W. Bro. J. D. Bland and his officers conferred the first degree in an impressive manner. In every respect the officers are painstaking and endeavour to do the work intelligently and impressively. The lodge is also prosperous.

March 15th, 1917, I visited High Park Lodge No. 531. W. Bro. T. R. Young and his officers conferred the first degree in a creditable manner. This is one of the largest gatherings I have attended during my term of office. This lodge is adding to its numbers and has a most satisfactory showing throughout the year. I was much impressed with the cordial reception given me and the visiting brethren. This lodge has a splendid choir which adds much to make the conferring of the degree impressive.

March 20th, 1917, I visited Victoria Lodge No. 474. W. Bro. D. D. Macdonald and his officers conferred the first degree exceptionally well. The W. M. and his officers are enthusiastic and perform their respective duties in a way to prove creditable to themselves and to the lodge. This lodge is well supported by the Past Masters.

March 21st, 1917, I visited Occident Lodge No. 346. W. Bro. H. J. Burns, W.M. This being

my mother lodge, R. W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, D.D. G.M. of Toronto Centre District No. 11b, kindly consented to accompany me on my official visit and inspect the work. The W. M. and his officers conferred the first degree. The R. W. Bro. assured me that the exemplification of the work was quite satisfactory, and he highly complimented the W. M. and officers on their proficiency. This lodge is the third largest in the district and owes most of its success to the loyalty and regular attendance of the Past Masters.

March 6th, 1917, I visited Stanley Lodge No. 426. W. Bro. G. R. Moore and his officers exemplified the first degree in a most excellent manner. It was one of the most enthusiastic and well attended meetings visited during the year. The brethren of this and its sister lodge are keeping pace with the rapid growth of this part of the city. The quality of its members is good, and they possess a good aggressive staff of officers, working under a most efficient and able Master.

April 6th, 1917, I visited Blackwood Lodge No. 311, Woodbridge. W. Bro. D. Norton and his officers conferred the third degree in a manner that was exceptionally good. Owing to the night being stormy few members were present. This lodge has many members enlisted for overseas.

April 12th, 1917, I visited Connaught Lodge No. 501, Mimico. W. Bro. J. W. Ruttan and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner that reflected great credit on the officers. This lodge is building a new home which they expect to occupy in September.

April 17th, 1917, I visited Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton. W. Bro. R. W. Lowry and his officers conferred the second degree and it was well exemplified. I am pleased to report that the W. M., assisted by V. W. Bro. W. J. Fenton and officers for the present year, are keeping up its high reputation for good work. I was accompanied by several Worshipful Masters and Past Masters from the city lodges.

May 1st, 1917, I visited River Park Lodge No. 356, Streetsville. W. Bro. W. Dunn and his officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. This lodge, with a most able Master and a good staff of officers and an energetic lot of Past Masters, all working together, is enjoying prosperity and conferring the work as required by the Grand Lodge, and in a manner highly commendable.

May 3rd, 1917, I visited Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit. W. Bro. C. Elliott and his officers conferred the first degree in an efficient manner. The work of this lodge has always been of the highest order and the standard is being maintained. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. G. H. Smith, P.D.D.G.M., who is a regular attendant at this lodge; also R. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P.G.R., who gave an address.

May 4th, 1917, I visited Peel Lodge No. 468, Caledon East. W. Bro. G. H. Purchase and his officers conferred the first degree in such an impressive manner as to leave no room for criticism. Peel Lodge is fortunate in having the services of Bro. J. W. Phillips as its Secretary. Through his energetic efforts not one dollar of dues is outstanding.

June 4th, 1917, I paid my official visit to Ulster Lodge, U.D. I learned that they were about to ask for a warrant at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, and as I instituted the lodge on February 5th, believed that I would be asked to report on the progress they were making. I was anxious to see for myself what was being done. W. Bro. F. Dane, W.M., and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner that was above criticism, and considering the officers have been but a short time in office, they certainly deserve much praise. I was very much pleased with my visit and the condition of Masonry in Ulster Lodge. The ambition of this young lodge is not to increase numerically but, to instil a true fraternal feeling amongst its members and those who fraternize with them.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and members of the different lodges in the district for the many expressions of kindness shown me and as the recipient of so many presentations, cannot but feel that my term of office has met with the approval of the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. LAWRENCE, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto West District No. 11.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. &
A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren-

I have much pleasure in submitting herewith my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District No. 11a for the year ending June 30th, 1917. My first duty is to express to the officers and members of the lodges under my supervision my highest appreciation of the honour conferred on me in electing me to that high office, and also for the many and uniform courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

I had much pleasure in appointing W. Bro. H. F. E. Kent as District Secretary, and I wish to extend to him my sincere thanks and appreciation for his hearty co-operation in the work of the year. He accompanied me on all of my official visits and rendered me valuable assistance in attending to much of the detail work.

The rearranging of the two Masonic districts in Toronto into three has proved to be of very great advantage, particularly as it relates to the official visits, but the majority of the lodges in this district, who elect and install their new officers at the end of the calendar year, are naturally not desirous of the D.D.G.M. paying his official visit until about the months of March and April, which sometimes leads to a congestion of official work. This, however, has not been of frequent occurrence and I have been fortunate enough in being able to make my official visits on the dates set apart for that purpose. In this connection I would suggest for the consideration of Grand Lodge the desirability of a scheme whereby the constituent lodge year would run concurrently with Grand Lodge year. In some cases this is being done and appears to be most satisfactory. The D.D.G.M. would have ample time to arrange for his official visits and could proceed with his work as soon as the

lodges resumed their labours after the vacation period. I consider that the advantages of a uniform Masonic year are many and quite obvious to those who will give the subject thought and consideration.

In this district, as in the sister districts in Toronto, we have been honoured on several occasions with visits from the M. W. the Grand Master and I am desirous of placing on record in this report the highest appreciation and gratitude of the lodges in my district for his unselfishness and untiring devotion to the cause of Masonry. Wherever he goes his words of counsel, his kindly and courteous manner, his ideals of the highest obligations of Masons, have always been an inspiration to our brethren. His addresses, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table, were thoroughly enjoyed by every member privileged to hear them.

The world is still convulsed with the tragedy of war. Our honour rolls are growing larger, month by month with the names of those who are serving our empire in the great cause of civilization and liberty of the world. The names of those who have fallen on the pitiless battlefield are ever increasing in number. We are realizing that while it is an inestimable privilege to bear our part in this momentous struggle, and will continue to "Carry on" until human happiness has been restored, there are many familiar faces we have seen at our meetings and many of our efficient officers and rulers of the craft have been called to the higher Grand Lodge. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those homes who have been bereaved of their loved ones, and to the lodges who have been deprived of the services of these honoured brethren. One compensation is the knowledge that those who have carried out their part in the discharge of their highest obligation have upheld the best traditions of the British race, and demonstrated the principles of Freemasonry stands for in its fullest and most complete sense. May their names forever live in our grateful memory.

It is very gratifying to report that the work of the Worshipful Masters and officers of the lodges

in my jurisdiction is on the whole of the highest order. When I take into consideration the fact that many of our brethren have so loyally responded to the call of the empire, and a large number of these brethren have been filling important offices in their respective lodges, I have particular pleasure in reporting that the work is efficiently rendered in all its parts, and I desire to place on record that perhaps at no other time in the history of our lodges have the degrees been conferred on candidates more seriously. I have always carried away with me the profound impression that the officers are endeavouring to impress upon the candidate the true lessons and teachings of Freemasonry, and all that it means. This condition, I believe, is largely accounted for by the introduction of candidates who have enlisted and are about to go overseas, but are desirous of being able to associate with our brethren in other lands. There is undoubtedly a more serious and sympathetic atmosphere in our lodges and in the rendering of the work than ever before.

In connection with the usual work in the lodge rooms and the conferring of the degrees, additional time is given either before the lodge is closed or at refreshment to addresses of an educational character, relative to Freemasonry or other subjects of vital interest at the present period, by some speaker of public or semi-public prominence. These addresses are not only instructive and inspiring but are a great incentive to increased attendance, and serve to lift the character of the meetings to a much higher plane than heretofore. The attendance of the members at the regular meetings has been very gratifying, and in many cases where the meetings have been of a special character the halls have been taxed to their capacity.

In the matter of applications for membership, there has been a steady and satisfactory growth, and the lodges are exercising commendable caution as to the material they are receiving. In this connection I would add that the Central Masonic Bureau will be of very great assistance, and up to the present moment has fully justified its existence.

Reference must also be made to the fact that at every meeting of the different lodges our boys at the front are always remembered. Constant communications and greetings are held between the lodges and their brethren overseas, and necessary comforts are continually being forwarded. Many letters are read from the brethren expressing their appreciation of this work, indicating that these efforts on the part of our members at home should not be overlooked at any time. The fraternal good wishes are always with those serving our King and Country in whatever branch of the service they are found, and may the protecting care of the Great Architect of the Universe be over them until they return safely to their homes.

I am taking the liberty of placing my report before you in a somewhat different form than that of my predecessors, particularly relating to the city lodges.

As I have already intimated all of the city lodges are performing their duties in the most satisfactory manner. They are not only living up to the standard of previous years, but they are creating new and more ideal standards along the lines I have already indicated. While I am giving the detail of the official visits I have made I might mention that I have visited these lodges a number of times, and have had every opportunity of witnessing the work under all conditions and can only repeat that the officers are efficient and conscientious in the presentation of the work and the discharge of their various duties.

Official Visits.

The following lodges, meeting in the Masonic Temple, Bay and Richmond Streets, were officially visited as follows:

St. Andrew's No. 16, March 13th, 1917.

Ionic No. 25, March 6th, 1917.

St. John's No. 75, November 6th, 1916.

Stevenson No. 218, April 9th, 1917.

Doric No. 316, April 19th, 1917.

Georgina, No. 343, March 3rd, 1917. Officially visited and inspected at my request by R. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, D.D.G.M. 11b, Toronto Centre District.

As indicated by the numbers held by the above lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge they have been instrumental in making very important history in this Masonic jurisdiction. It is very gratifying to report that all are upholding the best traditions of the past, and I submit that my report applies equally to all. These lodges are capably governed. The work is conferred in all cases with full measure of confidence and knowledge, harmony and good will prevails, their financial condition is excellent, and continued prosperity is confidently predicted. The Secretaries are highly proficient and are recognized by their respective Worshipful Masters and brethren as being of inestimable assistance to the welfare of their lodges. This is indicated by their repeated re-election to their responsible office.

In connection with the varied forms of entertainment given at the refreshment board many excellent and inspiring addresses are given, principally of a patriotic character, which serves to keep the interest alive and is responsible for increased attendance at all the meetings.

The lodges meeting in the Riverdale Masonic Temple were officially visited as follows:

Orient, No. 339, April 3rd, 1917.

Riverdale No. 494, April 27th, 1917.

Coronati No. 520, April 10th, 1917.

Canada No. 532, March 2nd, 1917.

The above four lodges have the very good fortune to be able to hold their meetings in their own Masonic temple, which stands as a creditable testimony to the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the members largely located in their particular section of this district. In my estimation the outstanding feature of this group of lodges is the complete harmony and co-operation in their work.

I venture to say that there is not a meeting in the year that representatives of the other lodges meeting in the same temple are not present, and with the constant interchange of ideas and close co-operation a remarkably high standard of work is continually maintained. Their uniform zeal in the cause of Freemasonry is worthy of the highest commendation and it is an additional pleasure to report that these lodges have donated most generously for the comforts of their brethren overseas. The government of these lodges is in most capable hands.

Canada Lodge No. 532 is the latest acquisition to this group, which was instituted on December 3rd, 1915, and which I had the privilege and honour of constituting and consecrating on October 6th, 1916. This lodge has made steady and material progress, and I am pleased to report that they are exercising unusual care in the selection of their candidates. I am quite satisfied that their future is full of promise, and that their entrance into this group will be an added strength to Freemasonry.

In connection with the ceremonies of constituting and consecration of this lodge I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the services of the seven R. W. brethren and several Past and Ruling Masters of city lodges who assisted me on that occasion.

Acacia Lodge No. 430 I visited officially on February 19th, 1917. This reliable city lodge has the unique distinction of being in a position to draw some of its membership from the county of York, and notwithstanding that many of its members at present reside outside of the city limits, the attendance at the regular meetings is particularly gratifying. W. Bro. William Dixon and his officers are well skilled in the work and fully competent to confer the three established degrees. All the officers and members display a united interest in the welfare of the lodge. I am also pleased to note that the P. Ms. are retaining their interest in the work and constant attendance must be an inspiration to the other officers. In addition to the fraternal

visits made to city lodges I am pleased to make reference to the fact that especial interest is taken in Markham Union Lodge. These lodges exchange visits once very year, and the results are both gratifying and beneficial. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and I know that its usefulness in the community will continue.

The Beaches Lodge No. 473 I had the pleasure of visiting officially on March 9th, 1917. This lodge is also happy in being able to meet in its own temple. Finding itself located in the midst of a comparatively new district composed of prosperous citizens, it has the opportunity of selecting its membership so that it will continue to be, as it is now, a power for good in the district. I do not think that I am making a mistake by asserting that this lodge has the best average attendance in this jurisdiction. W. Bro. Casper Clark makes a point of having every meeting of a special character so that in addition to the usual routine work the members carry away some thought that must be of permanent benefit. All the officers are well skilled in the presentation of the work, and apparently realize the importance of giving the work effectively and seriously. I cannot close my report without making special reference to the circular issued every month. It is splendidly arranged, giving every detail of their announcements, a masterpiece of printer's art, and it conveys a Masonic message every month that must impress itself indelibly on every reader's mind. This lodge cannot help but make splendid progress by maintaining its present efficiency.

Before giving the detail of my official visits to the country lodges I would like to give expression to a conviction that has impressed itself upon me, as I have made these visits. It is undeniable that the city lodges enjoy every facility for bringing their work up to the highest possible standard. They have the advantages of environment, interchange of ideas, commodious lodge rooms, etc., whereas the country lodges have practically none of these advantages, but notwithstanding these disadvantages,

the work done in the greater number of instances is of a very high order. If each of these lodges were assisted by one of our city lodges once in each year, paying a fraternal visit and exemplifying the work of a degree, an immense amount of good would be accomplished, a revival of interest would be created in some lodges, and in my estimation would be of more practical value than a Lodge of Instruction. I hope to bring this matter to the attention of my successor in office, and, if agreeable, to co-operate with him in bringing about this condition.

Markham Union No. 87, Markham, I officially visited on May 4th, 1917, and was accorded a very cordial and enthusiastic welcome. On this occasion Acacia Lodge, of Toronto, made its usual annual visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Walters, P.D.D. G.M. We were also honoured with the presence and assistance of R. W. Bro. Davison, P.D.D.G. M., who maintains a continued and active interest in Freemasonry in this district. The work of the evening was well done by the officers in charge, and particular credit must be given to W. Bro. Stewart for carrying on the work of the Worshipful Master a second term. He is to be congratulated on his continued interest in the welfare of his lodge, and his ability to render his part of the work in such an efficient manner. The social part of the evening was a splendid success and emphasizes what I have already referred to in the matter of fraternal visits to the country lodges by one of the city lodges.

Richardson Lodge No. 136, Stouffville, was officially visited on May 11th, 1917, and we had a splendid attendance of members and visitors from the surrounding country. R. W. Bro. Davison, P.D.D.G.M., favoured me with his company, and a pleasant and I believe profitable evening was spent by all. The lodge is doing good work, is well governed, and making satisfactory progress. A most enjoyable entertainment was provided by the ladies of Stouffville, and I cannot speak too highly of the courteous and kindly reception given me by the members in this section of the district. I had the

pleasure of presenting W. Bro. Shaw, the I.P.M., with a P. M's. jewel on behalf of his lodge, and I am assured that he, together with the other P. Ms. of the lodge will continue their interest in the welfare of the craft in Stouffville.

Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, Uxbridge. My official visit to this lodge was made on December 4th, 1916. Owing to inclement weather the attendance was not as large as was anticipated. We were favoured, however, with visitors from Port Perry, Sunderland, Cannington and other places in the surrounding neighbourhood, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. The W. M. elect being overseas his work was taken care of by W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Shier, who directed the work of the evening. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Hare is still the efficient secretary of this lodge, his books are kept in splendid condition and the outlook for continued prosperity is considered very good.

Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont, I visited officially on May 2nd, 1917. It was expected and arranged that a candidate would be presented for the first degree, but being disappointed in this, I requested a substitute candidate, so that the officers would have an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in the work. I regret to report that I was not favourably impressed with the work done, and there is considerable room for improvement in the general decorum. I endeavoured to point out to the officers the necessity of a closer study and an endeavour to appreciate the meaning of their work and the importance of the offices they are occupying. I sincerely trust that the advice given will be taken in the spirit in which it was given. I am desirous of seeing the work given seriously, with uniformity and with dignity.

Brock Lodge No. 354, Cannington. My official visit was made on May 16th, 1917. I was very much pleased with the general condition of this lodge, considering that perhaps a greater percentage of men in this district have gone overseas than in

any other immediate district, but I believe that the future prospects are very promising. The work of the second degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. G. B. Henderson is a capable ruler and enjoys the confidence of his fellow officers and brethren.

Doric Lodge No. 424, Pickering. I visited this lodge officially on May 3rd, 1917. I regret that the W. M. was unavoidably absent on important business, and as arrangements were previously made to raise a brother to the third degree some necessary changes had to be made at the last moment, which prevented the degree being conferred by the officers at present holding office. This lodge has experienced the loss of some of its officers and under existing conditions I consider the general work very good. It is in good financial condition, but this is another case close to our city where a little help in the form of a fraternal visit from one of our city lodges would be of inestimable value.

King Edward Lodge No. 464, Sunderland. This was my first visit of official inspection as D.D. G.M., and I am pleased that it was made to our newly acquired lodge as a result of the re-organization of the Masonic districts. On behalf of the other lodges in my district I extend to King Edward Lodge our sincere and fraternal greetings and recognize that we have an added strength to our list of active lodges. My official visit was made on November 3rd, 1916, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree exemplified in a splendid manner. All the officers are capable of doing their full share of the work, and the interest of the P. Ms. is most gratifying. The future is bound to be successful. At the banquet table, which was laden down with all the good things imaginable, we spent several enjoyable hours. I will not mention the time we parted company, but I hope that I will have the pleasure again of visiting this lodge in the not far distant future.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the ruling Masters in my district for their uniform co-operation and courtesy. I have

endeavoured to discharge the duties of my high office with zeal and without prejudice. I have advised rather than criticized. If any faults exist I have been anxious to conceal them rather than to reveal them, realizing that we are all human.

I wish to express my appreciation to my distinguished co-workers in the other two Toronto Districts, R. W. Bro. John A. Rowland and R. W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence for their hearty co-operation in our work, and to assure them that my association with them during the past year will make this the banner year of my Masonic life. May we all strive to keep worthy the distinguished title we already bear, and maintain pure and unsullied the genuine tenets and principles of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. TUGWELL, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of this district for the Masonic year now closing.

My first official act was to appoint a District Secretary. My old friend, W. Bro. Arthur F. Sprott, P.M. of Harmony Lodge, kindly consented to act in that capacity, and I wish to express my thanks to him, not only for the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, but also for the assistance which he has rendered to me throughout the year, often at great inconvenience to himself.

It has been my good fortune to have as my colleagues in the neighbouring districts of Toronto West No. 11 and Toronto East No. 11a, R. W. Bros. Lawrence and Tugwell, and I wish to acknowledge my obligations to each of them. We paid many visits together, more particularly during the earlier part of the year, and they have always been ready and willing to assist me in any manner they could. Our discussions from time to time on matters of mutual interest have always been helpful, and I feel that these brethren have done not a little to make the year the pleasant one it has been.

The district now comprises nineteen lodges, of which nine are situated within the limits of the city of Toronto. The re-arrangement which was made last year has, I think, proven to be a good one. The reduction in the number of lodges makes it possible for one to keep more closely in touch with them, and the district is so arranged that the lodges have been able to interchange visits more readily than heretofore; and the result has been that they have got closer together than was possible under former conditions.

I visited each lodge once in an official way, and a great many of them two or three times. They are all well established, working smoothly, in the hands of capable officers, and the utmost harmony prevails. At no time have I been called upon to deal with anything in the nature of unpleasantness, and I might say in a word, that, having regard not only to the district generally, but to the several lodges individually, the condition of Masonry in this district is sound.

I entered upon my office feeling that if we held our own during the year we should do well. The effect of the war has, of course, made itself felt. Every lodge has its "Honour Roll," and in some cases the Honour Roll comprises a very large percentage of what might be called the active membership of the lodge. In some of the smaller lodges particularly, the absence of principal officers on military service has been acutely felt, but Past Masters have very generously come forward to fill their places. The removal of so many of the younger men, from whom we are accustomed to receive our new members, was bound to affect to some extent the number of candidates, and taking into consideration all these conditions, I felt that we could not fairly expect an increase in membership.

The result has been a very agreeable disappointment. Candidates have offered themselves freely and, while I have not complete returns before me, I am quite satisfied that the number of initiations during this year will show an increase over that of the previous year. The attendance of members has shown an improvement, and I have been particularly struck on my official visits with the very large percentage of those present who were members of the lodge being visited. The officers have almost without exception, shown themselves not only capable of doing the work, but interested in doing it, and eager and willing to do all in their power to promote the welfare of their lodge and Masonry in general, and the ritualistic work throughout the district has been of a very high order. The financial reports show that the demand

for charitable and benevolent purposes have been fairly, honourably and generously met, and everywhere throughout the district, not only in the lodges but between the lodges, there is the strongest evidence of the utmost co-operation and fraternal feeling.

It is undoubtedly true that the change which has come over our people during the past three years has to a very great extent been the cause of the prosperity which Masonry is now enjoying. We have been passing through one of those periods which change the whole outlook of peoples. Men are thinking less and less of what may be called the mere accidents of life and more and more of the things which are fundamental and eternal. Masonry, and what it stands for, appeals strongly because we have learned as never before, that the peace and happiness of the race depend upon the promotion between men and peoples of that spirit of fraternity which is the corner-stone of the Masonic structure. If we are to reap the benefit of the awful experience through which the world has been passing, it will only be by erecting upon the ruins of the old civilization a new one based more firmly upon that principle, and having regard to what Masonry has done and is now doing, it is surely not vain to hope that in the years that are to come we may play our part in bringing about the better order of things.

Two events of considerable interest have occurred during the year which deserve to be mentioned. The first is the campaign held in December to raise funds for a new Masonic Temple at Toronto; and the second, the organization at Toronto of a Masonic choir of upwards of two hundred voices. Both have succeeded almost beyond expectation. Before my successor presents his report we hope to see practically all of the Toronto lodges in the district settled and working in a new Masonic home worthy of the craft in this great city. The success of the concert given by the choir in April for the benefit of the returned soldiers was such, not only from the financial, but also from the

musical standpoint, as to justify the hope that it will be continued as a permanent organization to the benefit of the craft.

I have appended hereto a detailed report of my official visits. In doing so I wish to express to the brethren throughout the district my deepest gratitude for the kindness and consideration which they have shown to me throughout the year. Nothing could have been more generous than the hospitality which I have everywhere experienced, and I shall long cherish the many friendships which I have formed. I do not know that I have been able to say or to do anything that has been of any material assistance to the lodges, but if I can claim credit even in the smallest degree, for the promotion of the splendid feeling that prevails throughout the district, I shall feel that I have been more than repaid for any efforts I have put forth, and that I have received from my work during the year more than I have given. I can express for my successor no better wish than he may have such a year as mine has been.

Official Visits.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto, W. Bro. E. A. Dolson. This lodge celebrated its 70th anniversary in April and it is gratifying to report that it has had a prosperous year. My official visit was made on the 8th of March. The officers conferred a first degree and their work was both accurate and impressive. During the past two years the lodge has been materially strengthened, not only in respect of membership but also financially, and I have no hesitation in saying that its affairs are in good hands. W. Bro. Dolson is a very efficient W. M., is ably assisted by his officers, and is supported by a line of P. Ms. who are jealously guarding the interests of the craft.

Richmond Lodge No. 23, Richmond Hill, W. Bro. A. J. Helmkey. I visited this lodge on the 22nd of November and it was my first official visit. We had a very large meeting and the array of present and past Grand Lodge officers who were pre-

sent was rather overwhelming to me, as I am sure it must have been to the W. M. and his officers. The work was a second degree and it was put on in a manner that was practically beyond criticism. During the evening R. W. Bro. Tugwell presented R. W. Bro. W. H. Legge, the retiring District Deputy, with a set of Grand Lodge regalia, and similar presentations were made to V. W. Bros. Lamon and McMahon. The officers of the lodge show a keen interest in their work and everything indicates that the lodge is prosperous and working harmoniously.

Vaughan Lodge No. 54, Maple, W. Bro. Jas. C. Pollock. I paid my official visit to this splendid old lodge on the 1st of May. Several brethren went out from Toronto with me and there were also present a number of visitors from the surrounding district. W. Bro. Pollock and his officers conferred a third degree on Bro. Cowper and the work was splendidly done. The manner in which the candidate was prepared for his advancement called for especial mention. I have seen nothing better during the year. The enthusiasm of the brethren of Vaughan Lodge is most inspiring and the loyalty with which they have turned out to support me on my official visits throughout the district has been most gratifying to me personally. At the conclusion of the work we were joined by the ladies and enjoyed their abounding hospitality for which Vaughan Lodge is famous. The condition of the lodge is good.

Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto, W. Bro. W. H. Stainton. I visited this lodge several times during the year, making my official visit on the 3rd of May. The work was a first degree and it was conferred in an excellent manner. W. Bro. Stainton is an energetic worker and is ably assisted by a number of very capable officers, and I should like to express my appreciation of the loyal support which they have given to me throughout the year. The lodge is in splendid condition and the best of good feeling prevails. It was also my privilege to be present at the Past Masters' night of the lodge,

in November, when R. W. Bro. Ponton addressed the brethren, and I recall it as one of the finest meetings I attended.

Simcoe Lodge No. 79, Bradford, W. Bro. J. G. Gray. This is a new lodge in the Toronto District. It was transferred to us from District No. 9, and I think we may fairly say that District No. 11b was the gainer. I made the acquaintance of the W. M. and his brethren on my official visit on April 3rd, when they conferred a third degree in a manner that was highly creditable. The work was well done and the business of the lodge was conducted with the utmost despatch. The officers showed an active interest in their work and the lodge is fortunate in the possession of a number of live P. Ms. The financial position is good. During the evening a membership certificate was presented by W. Bro. Scanlon, on behalf of the lodge, to one of the members, Bro. Leslie, prior to his departure overseas. The banquet was enjoyable and I came away feeling that Simcoe Lodge fully sustains the splendid Masonic reputation, which I am advised by the older members of the craft, Bradford has always had.

Wilson Lodge No. 86, Toronto, W. Bro. R. T. Lewis. I visited this lodge officially on the 20th of March, when the first degree was conferred by my old friend W. Bro. R. T. Lewis and his officers. The work was just such as I expected to find. I would not mention any officer to the exclusion of the others, but I know that we were all delighted to hear the lecture from Bro. Colonel Ross, who, notwithstanding the pressure of his official and military duties—and they have been very great—has found time to discharge the duties of Junior Warden. The standing of the lodge is too well known to require any comment from me, and I shall merely say that the officers are good, the lodge is prospering, and the greatest of harmony prevails. Like a number of the lodges in this city, they have organized a volunteer choir who contribute not a little to the effectiveness of the work.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville, W. Bro. Terry. My official visit to this lodge was made on

the 5th of June and was the last of my official visits. W. Bro. Terry and his officers conferred the first degree upon Bro. Henry and the work was very good. The P. M's. charge was given by Bro. Fortune, the Senior Warden, and was exceedingly well done. Although the returns show a large amount of outstanding dues, the financial position is very satisfactory. I was particularly impressed with the membership of the lodge, among whom were a number of old friends, and it was a genuine pleasure for me to meet them again under such conditions. The prospects of the lodge are good and the candidates they are receiving are of a very high order.

Tuscan Lodge No. 99, Newmarket, W. Bro. Muir. I made my official visit to this lodge April 11th, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Smith and a number of brethren from Toronto. The officers conferred a first degree which was done in a fairly satisfactory manner. Tuscan Lodge has been hard hit by the war as so many of the younger men from Newmarket and vicinity have enlisted and gone overseas. After making all due allowances, however, we should really like to see a greater interest on the part of the membership, and especially on the part of the younger men. If I might be permitted a suggestion, it is that the other lodges in the district would like to see more of the brethren from Tuscan.

Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Kay. My official visit to this lodge on the 8th of January was made under somewhat unfavourable conditions. Two of the principal officers were absent through illness and, while the work was fairly well done, it did not quite do the W. M. and his officers justice. Both the W. M. and the acting Sr. Deacon were suffering from very severe colds and performed their duties under considerable difficulty. The books and finances are in good shape and they have a very pleasant lodge room. The suggestion that they might increase the accommodation for social purposes struck me as being a very good one, and one likely to be for the benefit

of the lodge. At the conclusion of the work we spent an hour together in the banquet room getting better acquainted, and I came away with the feeling that there are a number of good Masons in Schomberg.

Rising Sun No. 129, Aurora, W. Bro. Baldwin. This is an active and enthusiastic lodge and has had a very successful year. I made my official visit on the 14th of February, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors from the neighbouring lodges. The work of the evening was a first degree which was very nicely done. The lodge is forming a choir for the purpose of putting on the musical ritual. The officers are deeply interested in their work, and the prospects of the lodge are good. I also had the pleasure of visiting the lodge again on the 25th of June, with R. W. Bro. Carleton and a number of other brethren from Toronto, and assisting at the installation of the new W. M., W. Bro. J. E. Hill.

York Lodge No. 156, Toronto, W. Bro. Mc Kennedy. I visited this lodge officially on the 16th of March and had the pleasure of witnessing a first degree. The work was put on accurately and impressively and quite in accord with what one would expect from the officers of York Lodge. The District Secretary was particularly enthusiastic over the manner in which the books of the lodge are kept. A choir is now being organized under the direction of Bro. J. E. Jones, and everything about the lodge indicates that it is in good condition and prospering.

Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto, W. Bro. C. W. Rous. One of my predecessors described this as one of the "well nigh perfect" lodges, and I think the description is still applicable. I visited the lodge several times during the year, particularly at their 46th anniversary in March, and on my official visit on January 23rd. The W. M. is an old friend and I was more than delighted to see the manner in which he and his officers conferred the first degree. A large number of the members of

Ashlar are absent on active service and it is pleasing to note that several of them have received recognition for distinguished service at the front. The condition of the lodge is of the very best. They have been rather handicapped for some time by the limitations of their quarters but that is a matter which we hope to see remedied very soon.

Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, W. Bro. Gohn. My official visit to this lodge was made on the 20th of September, 1916. A number of visitors were present from the city and the neighbouring lodges and the W. M. and his officers conferred the third degree in an exceedingly able manner. The financial position of the lodge is good and its affairs are in good hands. I was particularly pleased to meet at this meeting my good friend, R. W. Bro. Francis.

Robertson Lodge No. 292, King, W. Bro. Egan. I shall long remember my visit to this lodge on March 5th. A severe storm seriously interfered with the meeting, and as no candidate was available, we simply ran over the work of the first degree together, and afterwards adjourned to the fourth degree, where we spent the evening getting better acquainted. I visited the lodge again in June and had the pleasure of seeing the W. M. and officers confer a second and third degree on two brothers, who made splendid candidates. A number of the brethren are at the front, including W. Bro. Tack, the I.P.M. W. Bro. Egan is filling the office of W. M. for, I think, the third time. He is well known to be a good ritualist. The Wardens, when I first saw them, had had practically no experience in the work, but I am satisfied that they will make capable officers. The lodge is fortunate in having a number of P. Ms. who are sincerely devoted to its interests, and to the interests of the craft. They have formulated a plan for the obtaining of new quarters which will be carried out at the proper time. From the circumstances of the case, the membership of this lodge will never be large, but when they make Masons they will be good ones.

Zetland Lodge No. 326, Toronto, W. Bro. J. Chas. Baker. My report on this lodge can only be a repetition of what has been said so often about it. I visited the lodge three times during the year, making my official visit at the regular meeting on the 27th of April. The work was a first degree, and I can only say that it was perfectly done. The lodge has long occupied a leading position in Masonry, not merely on account of its very large membership, but more particularly because of the active part it has always taken in any movement calculated to promote the welfare of the craft. The excellence of the Zetland Choir is too well known to require any comment from me. The lodge is fully maintaining its splendid reputation.

Harmony Lodge No. 438, Toronto, W. Bro. A. S. Elliott. This is my mother lodge. The official visit was arranged for February 26th, and at my request R. W. Bro. Tugwell kindly consented to inspect the lodge and comment upon the work. He has since given me his report in which he speaks in the most flattering terms of the work of the W. M. and his officers. He also refers to the rendering of the musical portion of the ritual by the Harmony choir, which was recently organized by W. Bro. Beatty, and has made itself so well and favourably known throughout the jurisdiction. He also mentions the record of the lodge in respect to its contributions to the various patriotic and charitable purposes during the past year. Perhaps I may be permitted to add that I thoroughly agree with everything R. W. Bro. Tugwell has said about the lodge. W. Bro. Elliott is having a splendid year and the lodge is in excellent condition.

Corinthian Lodge No. 481, Toronto, W. Bro. Garfield G. Hood. This lodge removed from its old quarters on Yonge Street to the Temple on College Street last September. I made my official visit on March 26th, and witnessed the conferring of a first degree on Bro. Croucher, a returned soldier. The work was exceedingly well done. The lodge is having what will prove to be a record year. W. Bro. Hood has already initiated a large number of very desirable candidates. He is him-

self a very enthusiastic worker and is ably supported by his officers. Everything appears to be working harmoniously and I think the prospects of the lodge are better than they have ever been.

Malone Lodge No. 512, Sutton West. The arrangement was that I was to make my official visit to this lodge on January 3rd, but I was taken ill and W. Bro. Francis very kindly consented to represent me. He reported to me that he visited the lodge and saw a very satisfactory first degree. He also stated that the lodge was in good hands and the prospects for the future bright. I subsequently visited the lodge on March 7th, with M. W. Bro. Malone, R. W. Bros. Lawrence and Tugwell and a number of other brethren from Toronto. At this meeting M. W. Bro. Malone occupied the chair and the visitors filled the other offices. They conferred a first degree and I believe the brethren of Malone Lodge thoroughly enjoyed their visit and appreciated their work. The lodge itself has felt very acutely the absence of its three principal officers during the year. The office of W. M. has been filled by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Oliver, who has had to travel from Toronto to Sutton each month to preside at the regular meeting. From my knowledge of the brethren of this lodge I am quite satisfied that R. W. Bro. Francis' prediction for its future is fully justified.

St. Alban's No. 514, Toronto, W. Bro. W. S. Milne. I made several visits to St. Alban's during the year, my official visit being at their regular meeting on the 15th of January. The work of the evening was a first degree and it was excellently done. W. Bro. Milne was re-elected W. M. for the current year and he is not only a capable officer himself, but is well supported. The lodge is growing. Its finances are in good shape, its officers are apparently thoroughly interested in their work, and they are initiating a very desirable class of candidates.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. A. ROWLAND, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto Centre District No. 11b.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Toronto Centre District No. 11b, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held		Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance														
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs							
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	897	21	33	27	25	5	5	5	6	5	5	3	10	20	55	100	23	122	50	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	Fully c'd			
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	63	1	1	3	4	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	11	12	21	20	0	6	41	00	July 27	Good	Yes	\$2500 00		
54	Vaughan	Maple	51	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	13	13	17	10	0	2	25	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1500 00			
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	137	5	16	16	13	1	1	1	5	9	9	9	10	21	73	83	15	119	00	June 21	Excel't	Yes	100 00			
79	Simcoe	Bradford	83	7	2	4	7	8	3	3	3	1	1	1	6	16	21	150	0	21	83	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	500 00		
86	Wilson	Toronto	105	31	15	27	21	11	3	3	3	3	3	8	10	20	63	270	0	12	359	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	On lodge		
97	Sharon	Queensville	81	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	13	12	10	0	10	150	00	Dec. 28	Good	Yes	250 00		
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	67	4	4	1	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	1	10	10	17	50	00	7	57	00	Dec. 27	Good	Yes	1000 00		
118	Union	Schomberg	197	9	7	6	6	2	2	2	1	3	3	10	11	33	210	00	10	61	50	Jan. 27	Good	Excel't	Yes	1700 00		
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York	156	York
247	Ashlar	Toronto	112	4	4	3	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	10	11	10	50	59	13	120	00	Dec. 27	Bright	Yes	900 00		
265	Patterson	Thornhill	84	6	1	5	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	12	13	15	16	5	76	30	00	Dec. 27	V. good	Yes	300 00			
292	Robertson	King	38	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	6	9	5	11	55	710	0	168	00	Dec. 12	Fair	Yes	Trust		
326	Zetland	Toronto	593	7	14	11	16	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	10	11	21	70	323	73	21	140	00	Dec. 31	Good	Yes	Fully c'd	
438	Harmony	Toronto	150	17	31	25	26	2	2	2	5	7	11	2	10	10	10	10	10	10	120	00	Dec. 21	Good	Yes	300 00		
481	Corinthian	Toronto	171	29	35	25	26	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	10	11	12	25	1	9	00	Dec. 21	Good	Yes	300 00			
512	Malone	Sutton	66	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	00	Dec. 30	Good	Yes	300 00		
514	St. Albans	Toronto	194	25	22	25	24	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	10	9	19	51	1	1	18	00	Dec. 30	Excel't	Yes	300 00		

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In the discharge of my duties as your representative in Ontario District No. 12 for the year 1916-17, I beg to report as follows:

First, let me say that I consider myself fortunate in securing the services of W. Bro. W. A. Finlay as Secretary and Rev. Bro. J. T. O'Connor Fenton as Chaplain for the District.

I have visited each lodge in the district at least once and some twice, and on many occasions have had the support and assistance of the District Chaplain as well as the pleasure of the company of many of the brethren of my mother lodge Colborne No. 91.

I wish to give in a brief general statement the impression I have gathered from my official visits:

The officers in nearly every lodge are efficient and capable men, anxious to do their best, willing to improve, and unremitting in their endeavour to reach perfection.

A goodly number of the P. Ms. are still (as they should be) keeping in touch with the work, "affording that assistance and instruction to their brethren in the inferior degrees" which their experience and opportunities of learning have qualified them to render.

The brethren are enthusiastic, attentive, appreciative and patiently waiting for the time when they may be promoted to offices of importance in their respective lodges and have their opportunity of learning more and of proving their ability and worth to this grand institution. And judging the material that is available for officers in the future I am content in believing that "Craft Masonry" will continue to live and flourish in this district even stronger and better than it has done in the past.

The work is practically uniform throughout the district, and while the work in some lodges is done in a better form than it is in others, yet, when I consider the surroundings and the absences in many cases of important officers (having enlisted) from the smaller lodges, I feel that brethren upon whose shoulders the work of these smaller lodges has fallen are as deserving of as much commendation as the others more fortunately situated and having a larger number of good men to choose from.

As your representative, M. W. Sir, I have everywhere been received with the utmost cordiality and loyalty. I assure you that the Grand Master and all officers in connection with this grand body are held in the highest regard and esteem by the brethren of this Masonic district.

I might say that the readjustment of the districts did not meet with universal approval at first by the lodges now included in Ontario District, but that feeling has to a great extent been eliminated. However, I am still of the opinion, and that opinion is shared by the brethren of Keene, Norwood and Havelock Lodges that the interests of Masonry would be better served so far as these three lodges are concerned if they could be associated with the brethren in Peterborough District for district purposes. They feel somewhat isolated, but like good men and good Masons that they are, submit willingly to the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge.

As intimated above, the work is being well done throughout the district and the words of praise that are due any one lodge's staff of officers might very well be applied to every other, so I will content myself with observing that the district as a whole is one of which you, M. W. Sir, are justly entitled to be proud.

For a similar reason I cannot single out any limited number of brethren from whom I have received marks of kindness. As there was not a W. M., officer, or brother that I met during my tenure

of office to whom I am not indebted for favours already received, each in proportion to the opportunity he had for doing the same for me as your representative.

In conclusion I wish to say that my year of office has been one of the most pleasant experiences of my life from a Masonic standpoint and a very profitable one. Mere words fail to convey or express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me and it will take many years for me to pay the debt of gratitude that I owe the brethren of Ontario District No. 12.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. PEEBLES, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
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No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held			Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 13 for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1917.

Immediately after my election as D.D.G.M., I appointed W. Bro. Frank Elvins, of Belleville, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Archdeacon Beamish, of Belleville, District Chaplain. Both brethren have performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner.

I officially visited every lodge in the district and was cordially received and splendidly entertained by them all. One of the most pleasing features of these visits was the interest taken by the older members and P. Ms. of the various lodges. They were present in large numbers, and I was permitted to renew many old friendships. On one occasion I had three generations of one family sitting in lodge together.

There has been a marked increase in membership throughout this district during the year. The average attendance of the various lodges was quite equal to, if not better, than previous years, and while they gave splendid entertainment there was a marked tendency to cut down the elaborate suppers which were usually given in normal times. It is complimentary to the lodges to know that this has been done that more liberal donations and financial aid could be given to Red Cross and other funds incident to the war.

Most of the lodges have materially increased the amount of their annual dues owing to the increased capitation tax imposed by Grand Lodge, and also the suspension of dues of members who have enlisted for overseas. The amount of outstanding dues is very small.

The financial standing of all the lodges is good; many of them have used their surplus funds to purchase war bonds, thus assisting our government in financing the war. The books of the Secretaries and Treasurers were carefully examined by me, and without exception were found in good order and well kept.

Every lodge in the district is housed in well furnished and comfortable lodge rooms, and, taken as a whole, I am of the opinion that they are not surpassed by those of any district within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The work in the various degrees was well done and I found same uniform throughout. Harmony and progress prevails in this district, and I am proud to say that not one case of discord of any nature whatever was brought to my attention during the year.

The prospects for Masonic progress and growth for the future are of the brightest and I believe that this fine old district will, in the coming days, as it has in the past, take a place second to none in the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge.

I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction in the district this year, as on my visits I found the work so well done that I believed the money that would be used for a lodge of instruction could be put to better use, and after consulting the Worshipful Masters of all the lodges it was decided to contribute the amount that would have been spent for a lodge of instruction (\$100.00) to the Canadian Overseas Y. M. C. A., to be used as they thought best for the benefit and comfort of our men in the firing line.

There have been many deaths throughout this district during the past year, but it is my intention only to mention one, Bro. The Hon. Senator Harry Corby, who was personally known to almost every Mason throughout the district, and one who always practised the virtues which we Masons profess to admire—brotherly love, relief and truth.

A large number of our brethren who have gone overseas have made the supreme sacrifice, and I have no doubt that this Grand Lodge will make some provision that a proper record and roll of honour may be provided to tell to future generations the story of the great sacrifice made by the members of our Order for the preservation of the Empire and the principles of liberty and truth which we as an Order revere.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of this district for the many kindnesses shown to me while in the performance of my official duties; and also for the honour which they conferred upon me by electing me as the D.D.G.M. of this district.

Fraternally submitted, .

H. F. KETCHESON, D.D.G.M.,

Prince Edward District No.13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The honour of submitting a second annual report has, through the kindness of the brethren of the Fourteenth Masonic District, fallen upon me, and the singular favour has been much appreciated.

The condition of Masonry, as represented by the lodges of this district, is, I think, a most satisfactory one. There seems not to be a single jarring note, "Harmony and Concord dwell in the lodges and amongst the brethren." Having reported my visits for the year 1915-16 in full, it seems that the mention of having visited all the lodges except one, in the district and found the working of all to be quite closely in accord with the work as laid down, and the officers well up in their work and attendance good, will save some pages in the year book and lessen the labours of one committee, and quite suffice for this report.

The lodge I did not visit was St. Andrews No. 497, Arden, and as in the case of last year, R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, of Taniworth, represented me, and I offer him my most cordial appreciation of his kindness, and as he is a person peculiarly *persona grata* in St. Andrews Lodge, I am sure the brethren will forgive my delinquency.

There is still room for the carrying out of the suggestion in regard to curtailing the amount of ritual and employing the time gained in Masonic study, and as an aid to that object, the three city lodges, The Ancient St. John's, Cataragui and Minden have formed a joint study Club which meets once a month. The idea originated with W. Bro. Capt. C. C. Adams, M.C., of the Royal Engineers, who has been added to the staff of the R. M.C., and who is a most enthusiastic Mason, and

a decided acquisition to the ranks of the city brethren. This club promises to be of considerable pleasure and profit and will grow.

In the United States and Canada there already are over a thousand such clubs formed under the auspices of the "Builder." Again, this year, Lorne, Victoria, Prince of Wales and St. Andrews Lodges held a local Lodge of Instruction at Newburgh, and the result was a meeting of so much interest and pleasure that the brethren have requested me to ask the incoming D.D.G.M. to give his consent to a continuance of the idea. R. W. Bro. R. Longmore who presided for me, in his report, expressed the opinion that there was more real good accomplished in such a gathering where everyone knew the other and had no diffidence in offering criticism and asking questions, than in the large district meeting, where the majority were strangers, and I quite agree with him. On May 15th, afternoon and evening, the district Lodge of Instruction was held in Kingston and instead of dividing up the work amongst a number of lodges, with the consent of the district, I had three teams from the Minden, Ancient St. John's and Cataraqui lodges put on the degrees, each taking one in full, and the work was well exemplified. The Board of Trial was exemplified by R. W. Bro. Nichol and V. W. Bro. Smeaton.

The truth of Bro. Longmore's remarks was shown in the lack of discussion which occurred, and it was only by individual naming that I succeeded. in getting many brethren to express any opinions. The attendance was very large and though the city lodge room is large, it was filled almost to capacity. At the refreshments following we had a most eloquent and all too short speech from R. W. Bro. Herrington in reply to the toast of "Our Allies."

We had hoped for the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and his absence was most keenly regretted. The shadow of angels' dark wings has fallen on most of the lodges of the district and some much loved brethren have passed behind the veil. R. W. Bro. Nesbit, P.D.D.G.M. of Union Lodge,

Napanee, will be much missed, his genial presence and most interesting talks made him a welcome guest at many lodges and his friends sincerely mourn him. A serene and lovely life laid down the jewel of office in the person of W. Bro. Grant, Chaplain of the Ancient St. John's Lodge, and his passing is a distinct loss to his brethren. May his life be an inspiration to those who revered him.

We may console ourselves that "the souls of the great dead are immortal and their influences live beyond the grave."

Now my tale is told, the gavel passes to other hands, and I can but thank the brethren of the district for two of the most delightful years of my Masonic life, in words that are not adequate to express my thanks. One can but hope, that, having given to them the best one had to give, they may gather some idea or thought which will lead them on to other fields, and so I say to them:

*I touch my heart
As the easterns do
May the peace of Allah
Abide with you.*

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BIRKETT, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Frontenac District No. 14, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance				
			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular	Emergency										Total			
3	Anc't St. John's	Kingston	277	6	14	17	19	2				8	11	12	23	35	315	75	3	40	00	Dec.	28	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	
9	Union	Napanee	191	25	21	20	17	8	1			4	12	11	26	26	222	52	36	210	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	700 00	
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	315	14	16	13	15	8	1	1		2	10	20	43	207	00	8	32	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Excel't	Yes	1000 00	
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	107	9	9	9	9	8				1	11	3	14	25		14	69	00	June	21	1917	Good	Fair	No	1000 00	
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	66	3	3	3	3	3		3		1	12	1	13	21		7	28	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	No	2100 00	
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	83	9	3	9	9	6				3	11	3	14	16	20	00	18	84	00	Jan.	2	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	2000 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	75	5	2	3	2	1	1	1		1	12	3	15	19	10	00	12	37	75	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Excel't	Yes	500 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	201	9	15	13	12	2	3	3		2	10	8	18	41	25	00	16	34	00	Jan.	8	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	2000 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	84	12	11	11	11	1				4	12	10	22		184	33	8	54	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
253	Minden	Kingston	203	17	15	16	15	6				4	12	21	29		70	00	10	50	70	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
299	Victoria	Centreville	63	3	3	3	4	4				3	9	3	12	14	40	00	7	37	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	73	3	4	4	3	1	2			3	9	3	12	14	40	00	7	37	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
441	Westport	Westport	74	4	4	4	3	1				1	10	1	11				27	126	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	64	3	1	1	1	1				1	10	1	11	12			27	126	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
497	St. Andrew's	Arden	61	12	13	8	4	4				1	12	6	18	15			19	102	00	June	24	1917	Good	Good	Yes	800 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in this District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. H. A. Ross, of Osiris Lodge No. 489, District Secretary, and Bro. M. Phillips, of St. Francis Lodge No. 24, District Chaplain.

I desire to express my appreciation of their readiness and willingness at all times to assist me in my work, likewise my thankfulness to the P. Ms. and members of my own lodges for their ready support and eagerness in accompanying me on several of my visits. I desire also to thank the brethren in the district for the cordial, fraternal spirit in which I was always received and the generous hospitality everywhere extended to me.

It is gratifying to report that harmony prevails in and between the several members and lodges of this district and that in no instance could I discover any contention or discord which might mar that fraternal spirit that should at all times characterize the brethren.

During the year I visited all the lodges on their regular meeting nights except one, who, of their own accord, wished to receive and entertain me at an emergent meeting.

The work done is generally good and uniform. The W. Ms. as a rule are capable, a few are young and inexperienced, especially in the constitution, but with few exceptions are well supported by able P. Ms.

Dedications.

In accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I performed the ceremony of dedication of Lansdowne Lodge No. 387, Lans-

downe, May 3rd, assisted by W. Bros. J. F. O'Brien, O. C. Abbott, H. A. Ross, M. Phillips, of Smith's Falls; R. W. Bro. Graham and P. Ms. of Leeds Lodge, Gananoque. By the same authority I performed the ceremony of dedication of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens, assisted by twenty of my brethren of Smith's Falls, on May 31st.

Visits.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta, March 5th. In visiting this lodge I experienced much difficulty owing to the condition of the roads, yet I was amply repaid by the welcome I received from about eighteen of the members, who braved the elements in order to meet your representative. The third degree was creditably conferred by the W. M. and officers, some of whom were substituting for the regular officers. This lodge is in a prosperous condition and the members very enthusiastic and eager for Masonic knowledge. They are to be congratulated on their beautiful, well-kept lodge room and accommodations.

Merrickville Lodge No. 55, Merrickville, March 14th. On this occasion I was accompanied by sixteen brethren from my own town, all of whom were accorded an exceptionally hearty welcome.

Having no degree work, the W. M., Bro. T. Watchorn, and officers of the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, the remainder of the evening being profitably spent listening to several able addresses from prominent and eminent members of the craft in this vicinity. The large attendance taxed their small but beautiful lodge room, which contains many highly prized pictures, charts and relics of ancient days. Several Past Grand officers graced the gathering with their presence.

The lodge is well officered by young and enthusiastic Masons, ably supported by painstaking and thorough Past Masters. Every detail in this lodge is faultlessly looked after by R. W. Bros. Magee, Watchorn and Putnam.

Osiris Lodge No. 489, Smith's Falls, April 13th. Especially interesting was my visit to this, my own lodge, accompanied by M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, and W. Bro. G. Kidd, of Ottawa, both of whom delivered excellent addresses. The W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Abbott and the officers of the lodge, conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner on a well posted candidate, assisted by a selected choir, which added to the impressiveness and solemnity of the degree.

I regret to report that this lodge has been bereft of both its S. W. and J. W., the former, Major S. W. Gilroy losing his life leading his men at the battle of the Somme, and the latter, Lieut. Robert Henderson, on the field of battle at Vimy Ridge. Their loss has cast a gloom over their fellows, not only because they were exceptional officers, but because of the high esteem in which they were held. Their unselfishness, their high intellectuality and their bright, cheery dispositions they ungrudgingly shared with this community. The lodge has fittingly unveiled twin pictures of their former comrades suitably inscribed and hung on the walls of the lodge. Earlier in the year the grim reaper called a much respected and honorary member of the lodge, Senator Francis T. Frost.

Naturally the former brightness of this lodge has been marred. Out of 85 members, ten have enlisted, all of whom are kept in touch with their lodge.

The work of the lodge reflects much credit on the young officers who have stepped courageously into the breach and assumed the duties of the past year. Finances good, attendance good.

Crystal Fountain Lodge No. 389, North Augusta, May 2nd. Unfortunately the roads and weather were very unfavourable; attendance small. The W. M., Bro. Ralph and officers conferred the degree in a fair manner. They were inclined to speak too rapidly and thus lacked the proper emphasis. More time should be devoted to the study of the Constitution and more attention given to opening the lodge punctually.

R. W. Bro. Waddell retains his zeal and interest in the work and under his guidance the lodge should be capable of doing good work. Financial standing good.

Lansdowne Lodge No. 387, Lansdowne, May 3rd. After performing the ceremony of dedication, I remained and had the W. M. and officers conduct the business of the evening and close down. With encouragement, the officers of this lodge are capable of performing satisfactory work. The W. M., Bro. Johnston, appeared both nervous and modest, owing no doubt to his inexperience and the large attendance. Prospects fair, finances fair. The lodge is to be congratulated on its new and cosy quarters.

R. W. Bro. Graham and W. Bro. Rev. Cox accompanied by a large delegation from Gananoque fraternized with their neighbour lodge. Both of them gave excellent advice and practical addresses.

True Britons Lodge No. 14, Perth, May 7th.

It is pleasant to report that the few differences in this lodge have been settled and the utmost harmony apparently prevails. The first degree was exemplified. The work of the Master, Bro. Douglas was excellent. his enunciation clear and effective, and with more work and experience the other officers can do better work. Prospects fair, attendance fair.

The brethren are preparing for their centenary which takes place in a year. From the kindly spirit which prevailed I feel confident that True Britons will soon regain its former excellence.

Harmony Lodge No. 370, Delta, May 30th. Unfortunately the W. M., Rev. Calvert, was unavoidably absent and the candidate not prepared. The chair was ably filled by I. P. M. Howard who transacted the business of election, opening and closing. A stranger must necessarily be attracted by the home-like prettily decorated and well furnished lodge room. The P. Ms. exercise strict scrutiny on all procedure and display willingness to assist the officers in their work. Finances good, prospects, good, fair attendance.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, Athens, May 31st. It was a pleasure for me to officiate as Presiding Officer at the dedication of their new lodge rooms which are a credit to that well-groomed village. The W. M., Dr. Bright, is energetic and faithful but lacks experience and especially the support of the other officers and members. Now that they have artistic and new lodge rooms, which are very comfortable, the attendance and encouragement will be greater, both of which the lodge undoubtedly needs. On this visit I was accompanied by twenty-five of my own brethren and was pleased to meet so many from neighbouring lodges, which I had previously visited. Prospects fair, finances fair.

St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith's Falls, June 1st. As anticipated, I was welcomed by a large representation of this lodge and most hospitably entertained. The W. M. Bro. C. W. McBride, and his officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner and nobly upheld the traditions of this old and respected lodge. This lodge is in a good condition; the finances are healthy; the officers thorough; lodges dues well looked after and the P. Ms. retain their zeal and enthusiasm and are a tower of strength to Masonry in this town. The lodge room is too small and is too poorly ventilated for the proper comfort of its members. The composition of this lodge, their work within and without it, gains for them the name of one of the premier lodges in this district. I wish to acknowledge my heartfelt appreciation of the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by many able and well-informed members of the lodge.

Macoy Lodge No. 242, Mallorytown. I visited this lodge on June 4th and was pleased to meet such a good attendance of the members who are all good fellows. The work of the evening was the third degree which was exemplified in a creditable manner by the W. M., Bro. Root, assisted by V. W. Bro. F. Blanchard. The floor work was fair. The work of R. W. Bro. Mallory, as secretary, is very commendable. The lodge in all departments ranks high in the district and is prosperous; their rooms

are all that could be desired but the furniture not quite in keeping with its other requirements.

At this meeting a strong committee was appointed to report at the next meeting on the cost of refurnishing the lodge room throughout. From the encouragement given this committee and the fine financial standing of the lodge I feel sure that the brethren will enjoy new and substantial furniture in the near future. The lodge is in good shape and has every prospect of continued success.

Lyn Lodge No. 416, Lyn. I visited June 5th and received a fine welcome from the brethren. The W. M., Bro. Bolte, assisted by W. Bro. Brown and R. W. Bro. Cummings, conferred the first degree on a very bright candidate. The work generally was well done, the W. M. is inclined to speak too rapidly for impressiveness. Although this is a small lodge and lacks work, yet the resident members are very loyal. From the personnel of the new officers elected at this meeting, if blessed with more work, I feel sure that Lyn Lodge will prosper.

R. W. Bro. Cummings seems to keep his kindly eye on his home lodge and although many years a Past Grand officer retains his affections for the craft in general and his own lodge in particular. Financial standing good, prospects fair. The entertainment given your representative was all that could be desired.

Sussex Lodge No. 5 and Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville. These lodges kindly consented to unite on my official visit which occurred on the 18th of June, the regular meeting night of Sussex Lodge. The ceremony of initiating a candidate was exemplified by Sussex Lodge taking the first portion and Salem Lodge taking the last parts. Both W. Ms. performed their work admirably and in a manner creditable to these well-established lodges. The floor work was fair. Harmony prevails to such a high degree between these sister lodges that they all work as one lodge. Both have very capable and well-posted secretaries in R. W. Bro. Dewey and R. W. Bro. Geiger, the former fulfilling his 27th

year in the Secretary's chair of Sussex Lodge. As next year, Sussex Lodge will have completed its hundredth mile post, the Brockville brethren are arranging plans which I am sure will be befitting to the occasion and should receive the hearty support and co-operation of the district.

Fifteen brethren of my own lodge with many other visitors swelled the attendance which was large and representative.

An excellent banquet was tendered, where many able speakers were attentively listened to. The brethren of these lodges are not only excellent workmen but also ideal entertainers. Both lodges have large Honour Rolls which speak for themselves.

Otter Lodge No. 504, Lombardy. Last but not least was my pleasant visit to this lodge on June 25th. The lodge room was filled, visitors coming from Perth, Merrickville and Smith's Falls who were all cordially received and made comfortable by W. Bro. Clark Nicholls and the members present. Assisted by R. W. Bro. Watchorn, of Merrickville and W. Bro. Nicholls I installed the officers for the ensuing year, the W. M., Rev. Hurford, coming from Milford to be installed.

This lodge is in a flourishing condition and with bright prospects. Although only five years in existence in a rural community, yet they now own their building and property, good regalia and fair furnishings, and the auditor's report showed \$50.00 in the bank. This is a most creditable showing for the youngest lodge in the district.

A sumptuous banquet, with speech and song, concluded my last official visit.

In conclusion, I shall ever retain happy recollections of many pleasant evenings spent with, and profitable experience received from the several lodges throughout this district.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. L. TAIT, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in St. Lawrence District No. 15, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confd	Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Meet's held		Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 mths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Increase during year	Decrease during year		B. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Deceased									Regular	Emergency	Total	Aver. attendce of members	
5	Sussex	Brockville	295	110	9	10	1	1	2	5	9	7	18	29	237	58	4	12	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	Trustee	
14	True Britons	Pertli	130	3	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	9	4	13	30	00	18	160	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	700 00	
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	175	6	5	1	5	1	3	1	1	12	3	15	30	00	2	6	00	Dec.	27	1916	Excel't	Yes	1000 00	
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	115	5	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	16	1	17	18	20	00	11	30	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	250 00
74	St. James	South Augusta	81	12	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	13	2	5	35	00	12	82	00	Jan.	11	1917	Good	Yes	1100 00	
85	Rising Sun	Athens	77	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	20	20	00	12	35	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	300 00
242	Macey	Mallorytown	101	12	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	11	1	12	23	8	55	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	1650 00		
368	Salem	Brockville	205	12	13	11	8	6	1	3	7	13	7	20	28	221	77	11	62	00	June	25	1917	Good	Yes	Trustee
370	Harmony	Della	81	5	5	4	2	3	1	1	1	12	2	11	16	15	00	12	12	00	June	21	1916	Good	Yes	1800 00
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	56	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	9	1	9	13	1	5	12	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	300 00	
389	Crystal P'tain	North Augusta	65	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	20	1	6	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	800 00		
416	Lyn	Lyn	42	9	6	2	2	3	1	7	1	12	3	15	12	10	00	8	71	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	350 00
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	89	6	4	6	5	1	1	1	3	12	1	13	20	6	26	00	Jan.	1	1917	Good	Yes	300 00		
504	Otter	Lombardy	36	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	6	6	1	7	11	6	26	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Yes	500 00		

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District No. 16, for the year 1916-17, I desire to extend my appreciation to the brethren of the district for the uniformly true Masonic courtesies extended to me during the year. The honour of representing the 16th District, the loyalty shown me on so many occasions, and the many kindnesses extended me have placed me under a debt of gratitude such as can never be paid. I trust, however, my endeavour to serve my brethren faithfully and impartially, my efforts to stimulate the practice of Masonic ethics and my attempt in promoting the study of Masonry may be accepted as part payment.

The 16th District is undoubtedly in an enviable position in its temporal, financial and ethical conditions, while the work is uniformly excellent with the exception of one or two lodges, and even these are above the average. The Secretaries are all loyal and self-sacrificing officers and, generally speaking, without remuneration excepting those of the larger lodges, and our fraternity is under greater obligation to our Secretaries than is generally acknowledged; still, their services are appreciated even though the acknowledgment is not effervescent. All the Secretaries' books are in good order and well kept. The officers this year are, generally speaking, well skilled Masters, all being able to work the three degrees.

A feature in the district which seems to predominate among all the officers is an endeavour to be impressive and to interpret aright the teachings and meanings of Masonic truths. This creates a proper influence on intelligent candidates and fosters a pride in the newly-made Mason in being a member of a society that is not only fraternal but one

whose symbolism, ritual, and ethical teachings have attracted the investigating minds of present and past ages, philosophers, scientists, theologians and scholars in general.

The lodges of this district (outside of the city) continue their custom of attending Divine Service in a body, the service and sermon being specially adapted for the edification and instruction of Masons. This habit of attending Divine Service in a body should not be minimized and I am convinced that much good is accomplished, and, as Masonry stands for that only which is good, I see no reason why a declaration of the principles for which all Masons stand should not occasionally be publically made.

Many of our members have joined the grand voluntary army and are now fighting on the fields of Europe the great battles for freedom, justice, right and truth, and great and many are the sacrifices made, yet the large percentage of Masonic enlistments is not to be wondered at; it is but a natural impulse that they should rise in their might to defend those principles which Freemasonry has taught for ages, as, if Masonry is anything, or stands for anything, it is democracy pure and simple.

The membership during the year has materially increased and the candidates accepted are, generally speaking, of good Masonic quality and future prospects for this district are indeed bright; I know of no petty quarrels, and all seems perfect harmony and concord.

Visiting among lodges is quite general, which fosters the true fraternal spirit, broadens one's views, eradicates provincialism and should be encouraged.

The average attendance of members at regular meetings is about 20 per cent., the number of degrees worked by five lodges is 297, or (say), 60 per lodge, indicating too much work and too little play and a reason for 80 per cent. non-attendance. The remedy is a limitation of the number of degrees to

be conferred in any one year by any one lodge. This limitation would necessitate more lodges being formed in congested districts, but would give more time for intellectual refreshment, and, I believe, lessen materially the non-attending class.

I have received during the year the hearty co-operation and assistance of nearly every P.D.D.G.M. of the district as well as many distinguished P. Ms., who cordially accepted my invitations to accompany me on my visits and who assisted materially in bringing to a happy conclusion many profitable, pleasant and instructive meetings. Among those whom I remember, M. W. Bro. Luke, R. W. Bros. Butterworth, Ross, Scott, Shanks, Davidson, Cox, Wilson, Reid, Northwood, Cooke, Steele, May, V.W. Bro. Leach, of Pembroke; W. Bros. McPhail, McCleery, Grant, Snow, Ross, Oliver, Short, Ellis, Heney, Esdale, Walsh, Danby, Fraser, Clark, Robertson, Beddoe, Craig, Putman, Gowling, McDermid, Spencer.

Official Visits.

October 9th, 1916. My first visit was made on Thanksgiving Day, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Luke, to Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg, which proved a good fore-runner of many equally pleasant, profitable and satisfactory inspections. W. Bro. Cameron being away in the West, the work and management fell upon W. Bro. Munroe, his predecessor. The ritual work was nearly perfect and most impressive and W. Bro. Munroe has few superiors in matters of ritual or executive. The J. W. gave the lecture in a very creditable manner, while all the other officers were in excellent form. The working tools were presented by W. Bro. Dr. Forbes, one of the oldest and most respected brothers of the lodge. The lodge is well officered and indications for future prosperity bright. The Secretary's books are in perfect shape, he renders very efficient service.

M. W. Bro. Luke gave an excellent address to the lodge which was much appreciated.

October 24th, 1916, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa. For my inspection this lodge conferred the third degree in a very superior manner, W. Bro. J. A. Reed having his work well in hand. I was much pleased to hear the examination in the third degree and also the obligation of a brother who had received his M. M. degree at the previous meeting. The executive work in this lodge is good and its P. Ms. take much interest in its affairs, a circumstance that might well be copied by P. Ms. of other lodges, to the edification of themselves, and for the encouragement of the officers. The charge was very ably presented by W. Bro. Taylor, while the Deacons deserve special mention as being practically perfect in every detail. I had the privilege of presenting V. W. Bro. Seivers with the regalia of a Grand Steward, the gift of the lodge, while another pleasant privilege was the presenting to W. Bro. Taylor of a P. M's. jewel, also the gift of the lodge. There is no stint in the appropriations of this lodge for relief and charitable purposes.

This was one of the largest attended meetings of the year, there being over three hundred present. Many distinguished brethren were present, among them Bro. Sir Sam Hughes, who gave an address in his inimitable style, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Nov. 6th, 1916, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew. My inspection of this lodge was of a most satisfactory and pleasant nature. Everything is in good order and the lodge prosperous, as its general surroundings would indicate. This lodge has a business management quite apparent in the despatch of its regular business. The true Masonic calibre of the membership could be judged by the large grant made to the hospital of their town. W. Master Fraser conferred the third degree in an impressive manner, though labouring under deep sorrow: his interpretation of the degree was in conformity with its teachings. The tools were presented by R. W. Bro. Barr in splendid form. The lodge books are well kept by a conscientious Secretary.

Nov. 10th, 1916, St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place. This was the first visit paid by me to this lodge officially or otherwise and I am pleased to pay tribute to and to congratulate the brethren who have worked so faithfully and zealously in completing and equipping one of the best appointed temples of the district. It excels in all the small details which indicates some experienced master mind in its various arrangements. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, while work was done in the first degree with a candidate of that intelligent nature that could appreciate the beauties of Masonry, which assisted Bro. McDiarmid in performing the ceremony. The work was excellent from beginning to end. The J. W., Bro. McNeeley, comes from a long lineage of Masonic stock, he being grandson of the first W. M. of St. John's Lodge. The Secretary is a zealous Mason and gives the duties of his office most careful attention.

Nov. 6th, 1916, Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa. W. Bro. Grant of this lodge conceived the idea of putting to the test the "has beens" and to prove whether or not the Masonic titles were of the complimentary and empty variety, or the variety earned by merit. I was present at the test, and encomiums of the brethren present indicated that they belong to the merit variety.

The following R. W. Brethren occupied the chairs:

W.M., R. W. Bro. Jeffrey; S.W., R. W. Bro. Davidson; S.D., R. W. Bro. Ross; D.C., R. W. Bro. Butterworth; I.P.M., R. W. Bro. Northwood; J.W., R. W. Bro. Scott; J.D. R. W. Bro. Shanks; I.G., R. W. Bro. Wilson.

Two initiations were conferred, one by R. W. Bro. Northwood and the other by your humble servant; the lecture was given by R. W. Bro. Scott, the charge by R. W. Bro. Northwood, while all the other officers acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of all present.

Civil Service added a banquet as a climax to a well regulated and happy occasion. The usual opportunities were given for wit and humour.

Nov. 21st, 1916, Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa. While all the official visits in Ottawa have been greeted by large attendances, yet the meeting of November 21st was unusually so, no doubt on account of the visit of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Wardrope, whom all Ottawa delights to honour. This lodge is in its usual good condition, and had the work been otherwise than good, your District Deputy would have been surprised. The W. M. Bro. Shaw, is an excellent ritualist and a good executive; he is ably assisted by a good corps of efficient officers. The work for inspection was the first degree which was conferred on one of those excellent candidates who inspire the officer to interpret and impress the work with his fullest energy. To particularize in this lodge is unnecessary, as all officers are equally efficient in their particular office. The books are well kept by a painstaking Secretary.

The programme in the banquet room was diversified with speech, song and recitation, all of which were much enjoyed, particularly the address given by R. W. Bro. Wardrope.

Dec. 8th, 1916, The Builders' Lodge No. 177, Ottawa. It is no little pleasure to attend this lodge either officially or otherwise. Courtesy and thoughtful consideration and Masonic spirit are all a part of its equipment, and, generally speaking, it receives the support of its P. Ms. W. Bro. Kendall is a type of a conscientious Mason and an excellent worker. The work of the evening was the third degree, the candidate being the Master's son, Dr. Kendall. The work was exceptionally well done by all the officers, the Master being practically word perfect and the charge given by P. M. McAdam was more than well delivered, while the lecture of the J. W. was given in a very creditable manner. I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. McAdam with a P. M's. jewel, the gift of his lodge, as an evidence of appreciation for services well rendered. As a token of esteem and to cement a fraternal friendship of fifty years' standing, W. Bro. J. E. Askwith was presented with a gold locket.

The presentation address was made by R. W. Bro. Butterworth. Secretary Cairns is a most efficient officer.

Dec. 26th, 1916, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264 Installation. I was assisted in the installation of the officers of this lodge by R. W. Bros. Ross, Davidson, Northwood and Wilson and W. Bros. McCleery, J. A. Ross and Oliver. Under the able leadership of W. Bro. Short, I have no doubt the good work of the preceding year will be duplicated.

Dec. 27th, 1916, Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro. It gave me a great deal of pleasure to install the officers of this lodge, it being the first installation of the elected officers. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Scott, Shanks, Ross and Wilson, also by W. Bros. Ellis, McCleery and Oliver. All seemed delighted to honour the new W. M., F. A. Heney, and a very enjoyable hour or so was spent in speech and compliments.

The M. W., the G. M., need have no misgivings as to the future of this lodge. It is exceptionally well officered and already has a membership of nearly one hundred.

Jan. 2nd, 1917, Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa. As has been usual in nearly all of my official visits, I was accompanied on this inspection by a large delegation of distinguished brethren. The work for inspection was an exemplification of the first degree and the candidate was one of those worthy young men who places country first and self afterwards. The ceremony was creditable from every standpoint, though not, strictly speaking, word perfect. Intelligence of interpretation coupled with Masonic virtues applied to the working of a degree makes the work impressive; these features predominate in W. Bro. Tilley. The work of the junior officers was excellent, including the lecture of the J. W. I noted the attendance of many P. Ms. and I believe, generally speaking, they take active interest in the welfare of this lodge. I also had the pleasure of presenting the retiring W. Master

with the jewel of a Past Master, a gift from the lodge. This lodge is in excellent financial condition, and, while, not consisting of millionaires in its personnel, yet as a body it belongs to that class in general. It is well managed and has an efficient Secretary.

Jan. 5th, 1917, Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa.

Installation.

The ceremony in the installation of this lodge was unique in this district, consisting of a Grand Lodge officers' ceremony, all chairs being occupied by either present or Past Grand officers. The active ceremony was conducted by M. W. Bro. Luke, assisted by R. W. Bros. Harcourt, Jeffrey, Davidson, Ross, Scott, Shanks and Reid.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a well appointed banquet was prepared in honour of the M. W. the Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Harcourt. This banquet not only afforded feast for the body but feast for the intellect as well. The toast to the "Grand Lodge" was presented by W. Bro. McPhail and responded to by M. W. Bro. Luke. "Our Soldier Boys," by myself, responded to by R. W. Bro. Harcourt, and the "Visitors" by R. W. Bro. Reid was responded to by R. W. Bro. Jones.

Jan. 8th, 1917, Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior. The work of this lodge is highly creditable, W. Bro. MacPherson exemplified the third degree. A noticeable feature was the very apparent sincerity of the W. M. and the favourable impression on the mind of the candidate and on the brethren present was quite evident. The personality of the W. M., added to his proper interpretation of the degree, renders his degree work very effective. His Wardens and other officers are able assistants; each took his part of the ceremony in a creditable manner.

There were several out of town visitors, among those I remember were V. W. Bro. Leach, W. Bro. Fraser and Rev. Bro. MacOdrum, of Pembroke, and W. Bros. Heney and Clark, of Ottawa.

This lodge is in good condition and its books are kept in excellent shape by a very efficient Secretary.

Feb. 2nd, 1917, Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte. It was the coldest night of the winter that I made my visit to Almonte, but that did not lessen the ardour of Almonte Masons, the attendance being about forty or more. Unfortunately the candidate was unable to be present on account of illness, but a candidate being selected from the floor the second degree was exemplified. Such substitution, of course, does not inspire a Master to the same effort as a regular candidate, yet I have to congratulate W. Bro. Oliver on his excellent work, it being up to the standard in every way. At the conclusion of the evening some very instructive and interesting remarks were offered. All the officers of this lodge are efficient and the Secretary is a very conscientious officer who keeps his books and records in excellent condition. The membership of this lodge is of good Masonic calibre and its future is bright.

Feb. 13th, 1917, Cobden Lodge No. 459, Cobden. This lodge is to be congratulated on its very able and efficient work in the third degree which was exemplified for my inspection. W. Bro. Oates is a very accurate and impressive officer and his work of the evening was rendered the more effective by the able assistance of his Wardens and Deacons. The work of all the officers was beyond any unfavourable criticism. A true Masonic atmosphere seems to be a noticeable feature in this lodge and one leaves its happy environment with regret. It was a real pleasure for me to address the lodge and compliment its officers on their good work. This Lodge has an excellent Secretary and its future prospects are bright.

Feb. 24th, 1917. Banquet to the M. W. the Grand Master. The brethren of Ottawa did honour to the M. W. the Grand Master and credit to themselves in tendering to him a banquet at which I had the pleasure of officiating. The function was held under the auspices of Builders Lodge

No. 177. The G. M. was attended by M. W. Bro. Flint, R. W. Bros. Scott, Shanks, Davidson, Goodeve, Northwood, Ross, May and myself. After the refreshment hour W. Bro. Putman read an address to the M. W. and presented him with a most beautiful watch and chain, the gift of his brethren of the city of Ottawa. An appropriate response peculiarly characteristic of the Grand Master was made by the recipient after which addresses were delivered by M. W. Bro. Flint, R. W. Bro. Goodeve, W. Bros. Northwood and Major Powers.

The honour, respect and affection of the brethren for our Grand Master is indicated in the large attendance of nearly four hundred. This was one of the most pleasant occasions during my official year.

Feb. 23rd, 1917, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa. It gave me great pleasure to inspect Prince of Wales Lodge, and although its officers had only been recently installed, real good work was done. W. Bro. Wilson exemplified the first degree in a very creditable and impressive manner, and was ably assisted by all of his officers. The investiture by the S. W. was excellently done, while the lecture was very creditably given by the J. W. The charge was given by R. W. Bro. Northwood in his usual impressive manner.

There is an element of good in this lodge, which, if fostered, would tend to make it one of the most prosperous in the city.

March 1st, 1917, Pembroke Lodge No. 128, Pembroke. It was a great pleasure to me to visit Pembroke Lodge, which is one of the most prosperous lodges of the district. It is exceedingly well officered and is well supported by its P. Ms. The work for inspection was the first degree, which was well done by W. Bro. Fraser and his well skilled assistants. The personality of W. Bro. Fraser is such that his work is effective on any candidate; his is the true Masonic character worthy of imitation. His influence on the lodge is for good and good only. The work of the S. W., Bro. Mac

Odium, is excellent and his presentation of the badge impressive, while the lecture of the J. W., Bro. Selkirk was rendered without error and impressively. in fact, all the officers deserve commendation for their good work

Visitors from Renfrew, Beachburg and Eganville were present to enjoy, with myself, the boundless hospitality of the Pembroke brethren; addresses were made by M. W. Bro. Burritt, R. W. Bros. Josephs and Norris, Rev. Bro. MacOdium, myself and others.

March 13th, 1917, Civil Service Lodge No. 148. It was a large attendance that greeted me at this inspection. The work of the evening was a presentation of the third degree, which was indeed most creditably conferred by W. Bro. Davey. Excellent music by the Organist, V. W. Bro. Dorey, assisted materially in the impressiveness of the degree. W. Bro. Davey is an enthusiastic Mason, an excellent ritualist, and a good executive, and is assisted by an excellent corps of officers. The work was exceedingly well done, meriting no criticism, and in my address I was pleased to congratulate the officers upon their good work and the lodge on its very satisfactory condition generally.

There was the usual banquet after the work at which the principal speaker was W. Bro. Hon. Martin Burrill, whose excellent address was enjoyed by some two hundred or more.

Bro. Telford, as Secretary, is a very efficient officer and keeps his books and records in good form.

April 6th, 1917, Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa. An inspection of this lodge was hardly necessary, as the M. W. the G. M. and your D.D.G.M. of the 16th district are both members and therefore fully conversant with the work of its officers and the management of its affairs. Modesty on my part naturally prevents me from over-praising the officers of this lodge; at the same time candour and justice compels me to give credit where credit is due.

The first degree was conferred with lecture, charge and musical accompaniments in a very impressive and almost faultless manner. Specific mention of officers is unnecessary; the excellent work of each joined together formed the harmonious whole. Some two hundred or more responded to the J. W.'s invitation to the refreshment table, where a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent listening to interesting addresses, particularly that of the M. W. the G. M.

This lodge is in excellent condition financially and otherwise, and investigates thoroughly the character of applicants for membership.

April 10th, 1917, Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa. I was delighted to accept the invitation of the M. W. the G. M. to accompany him on a visit to Civil Service Lodge, where he gave a most interesting address, which was greatly enjoyed by all who had the privilege of hearing him. The complimentary remarks at the refreshment table indicate the esteem in which the brethren of Ottawa hold our Grand Master, *the* brother who measures up to the standard of the true Mason, whose integrity of purpose is never questioned, to whom the term brother is not an idle word.

April 13th, 1917, Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa. I am pleased to acknowledge the courtesy of Builders Lodge in inviting your representative to their meeting held April 13th, at which R. W. Bro. Reid gave a most interesting address descriptive of his visit to the West Indies, with particular references to matters Masonic. The lecture was not only interesting but particularly instructive, and I am indebted to W. Bro. Kendall for a very happy and enjoyable evening.

April 17th, 1917, Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa. Fidelity provided its members and visitors with much pleasure and profit in putting on a military night, at which I was pleased to be present through the invitation and courtesy of W. Bro. Shaw. All officers' chairs were filled by military men, with Capt. Cameron as W. M. The first

degree was quite perfectly and impressively conferred, each officer performing his part uniformly creditably.

May 1st, 1917, Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond. I visited this lodge attended by R. W. Bros. Scott and Ross and others. The attendance was large considering the weather, which prevented brethren at a distance from attending. The candidate for the evening, a medical man, was unfortunately called away necessitating the selection of a brother from the floor. The first degree was worked for the first time by W. Master Conley, who is a perfect ritualist and I cannot congratulate him too highly on his excellent work.

Both Wardens did their work creditably and the material for future Master rank is good. The Junior officers deserve credit for their work, particularly as the smaller lodges in country districts do not have the same opportunity for practice as their urban brethren. I addressed the brethren on the symbolism of the degree and congratulated them on their work such as their effort merited.

This lodge has a good Secretary in W. Bro. Gordon and the duties of the office will be well looked after.

May 4th, 1917, Corinthian Lodge No. 476, North Gower. Another rainy night and bad roads prevented an exemplification of the first degree on the regular candidate and a brother was selected from the floor for the exemplification of the ritual work, yet the work was much above the average and W. Bro. Stratton worked a very creditable degree with the able assistance of his officers. A very profitable evening was spent, addresses being delivered by Rev. Bro. Johnson and others of Corinthian Lodge as also R. W. Bros. Butterworth and Shanks and W. Bros. McPhail and McCleery. There was a good attendance of P. Ms. who take interest in the lodge, and with Bro. Cryderman as Secretary the affairs of the lodge are well looked after.

May 9th, 1917, Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro. At the installation of the officers of this lodge I was

convinced that my official inspection would be of a most satisfactory nature and the conviction was realized. This is the youngest lodge of the district and one of the most prosperous. It was started on correct lines practically without debt on account of the generosity and self-sacrifice of its joining members and today has a surplus of nearly \$2,000. Its efficient Master, W. Bro. Heney, conferred the first degree in full form with ability and masterly precision. The S. W., Bro. Cairns, and the J. W. Bro. Crain, showed great proficiency in their work, as did also the junior officers. There is an excellent Master material in this lodge. The Secretary is an efficient officer and I look for a very prosperous future. I was particularly pleased to address the lodge along the lines of ethics and symbolism and to tender congratulations which were so justly merited. A large number of visitors were present.

May 14th, 1917, Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville. The brethren at Eganville excel in that true Masonic virtue—hospitality, and my visit there will long be remembered. The brethren in the village are not many in numbers, but there is compensation in the consecration of the few who are there. The membership is largely from Madawaska and surrounding country and hence a good attendance indicates loyalty to duty, some sacrifice of time and no little effort. There was a good attendance at my visit there; W. Bro. McIntrye conferred the third degree in a most proficient and impressive manner and was ably assisted by all of his officers.

The Secretary of this lodge, Bro. Senn, is a P.M. and gives the duties of the office his every attention.

May 30th, 1917, Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Hazeldean. A large delegation consisting of R. W. Bros. Butterworth, Shanks, Ross and Scott, and W. Bros. McPhail, Gowling, Clark, Ellis and Heney attended me on my visit to this lodge and in addition there were visitors from Richmond, North Gower and Carp, hence a very large attendance, the lodge room being filled as well as the gallery. I have

attended many meetings of this lodge and have noted well its steady progress and improvement. The working of the first degree by W. Bro. Logan and his officers was deserving of much praise. Bro. Logan is an excellent ritualist as well as an impressive worker, and excelled in the working of the degree.

Bro. Hand gave the lecture of the J. W. in excellent form, while the other officers all did creditable work in their respective offices. This lodge has been particularly prosperous during the past year and justly merits sincere congratulations which were freely given by many of the visitors.

This lodge is well managed in every way, the duties of Secretary are well attended to, and the future prospects are particularly bright.

June 1st, 1917, Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp. At my inspection of this lodge I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wilson and W. Bros. McPhail and Heney. W. Bro. Argue exemplified the first degree but from a ritualistic standpoint it was hardly up to Masonic standard, but, while Bro. Argue may be lacking as a ritualist, he has compensating qualities that overcome to some extent this deficiency. I think it Masonic character, as he has the devoted affection of his brethren and his daily walk through life is a good example for his fellows and brethren.

The J. W., Bro. Moses, gave the lecture very proficiently, Bro. Morrison is unusually skilful as S. W., all the other officers did excellent work.

Hospitality is one of the virtues of Carleton Lodge and it was a happy family gathering that enjoyed the choice refreshments supplied by the ladies.

This lodge has been quite prosperous during the year, there being several initiations, and its prospects are good.

June 5th, 1917, Evergreen Lodge No. 209, Lanark. This lodge is of the truly Masonic character and its membership represents the better

element and highest culture of the community. It occupies its leisure time in the study and discussion of Masonic subjects and other topics of general interest. The work for inspection was the third degree which was rendered in a faultless manner beyond any adverse criticism. W. Bro. Doyle's interpretation of the degree was very impressive and his ritual work practically perfect, and, being well supported by the Wardens, Deacons and other officers, a harmonious whole was the result.

One of the most enjoyable hours of my official career was spent at their banquet table, it was a feast not merely for body alone but intellect as well.

Most excellent addresses were given by R. W. Bros. McIntosh and Steele and others. Bro. Caldwell will make an efficient Secretary and the future prospects of the lodge are good.

June 8th, 1917, The Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Ross, Scott, Shanks and Wilson. The new officers are all well and truly tried, and with W. Bro. Simpson in the chair I feel assured that another successful year will follow the preceding one.

June 11th, 1917, Russell Lodge No. 479, Russell. The attendance at my visit to this lodge could hardly be termed large, owing to the weather and the condition of the roads. On account of Bro. Ball moving to the West, W. Bro. Sutherland was elected as S. W., and I was pleased to have the privilege of investing him with the jewel of his office. The work of the evening was the third degree and W. Bro. Wishart conferred it in a creditable manner. The floor work of the Wardens was good, as was also the work of the Deacons. The brethren of Russell have only recently built their new temple, and deserve the congratulations of their brethren on their enterprise.

June 17th, 1917, Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Hazeldean. A very large number of brethren, including those from Ottawa, Westboro, Richmond and Carp, attended Divine Service in the Method-

ist Church, where a very excellent Masonic sermon was delivered by Rev. Bro. Halpenny, of Ottawa. I was much pleased with the discourse of Bro. Halpenny and regret that I was unable to attend services of other lodges to which I was courteously invited.

June 19th, 1917, Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa. On account of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lang the full installation ceremony on June 19th was omitted, but I was pleased to invest the other officers of this lodge and W. Bro. Shaw will continue as Master until his successor is duly installed. All the officers of this lodge are of excellent material and success for another year is fully assured.

June 25th, 1917, Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa. I was assisted at the installation of the officers of this lodge by R. W. Bros. Scott, Davidson, Ross and Wilson. The officers for the year are exceptionally good and will no doubt furnish a good report through my successor. The lodge is in good hands.

My labours of the year have been most pleasant and I thank my brethren for their uniform courteous considerations and for the honours they have conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. JEFFREY, D.D.G.M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Ottawa District No. 16, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

Table Showing the Work Done in Ottawa District No. 16, from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1916																										
No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Memb- ership	Degr's Confid	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance		
													Regular	Emergency	Total											
521	Dalhousie	Ottawa	371	31	1	22	24	22	7	12			11	10	21	39	240	00	15	287	05	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	
528	Doric	Ottawa	256	19	19	16	21	7	1	1			5	10	9	19	40	210	50	3	25	00	1916	Good	Yes	\$8500 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	207	11	6	10	5	1					113	2	15	20	11	50	6	18	50	1916	Good	Yes	1000 00	
123	Renfrew	Renfrew	138	3	1	11	10	5					111	10	21	37			10	49	00	1916	Fair	Yes	1085 00	
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	181	1	7	7	8	1					411	9	20	23	15	00	30	147	00	1917	Good	Yes	400 00	
147	Mississippi	Almonte	144	2	3	2	4	4					510	2	12	23	11	55	85			1917	Good	Yes	No	
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	257	4	5	8	6	4					810	13	23	60	210	75	20	130	00	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	
159	Goodwood	Richmond	312	26	11	18	19	19	8				112	6	18	19	41	00	71	39	65	1916	Good	Yes	750 00	
177	The Builders	Ottawa	315	1	6	6	6	6					112	3	15	12	8	00	16	191	25	1916	Fair	Yes	700 00	
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	312	2	3	3	3	3					112	3	15	12	8	00	16	191	25	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	
209	Evergreen	Lanark	50	2	23	23	23	23	4				310	11	21	36	231	70	10	93	25	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	303	23	13	19	16	11					5	9	10	19	38	378	95	28	123	50	1916	Good	Yes	Yes
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	275	21	13	10	12						110	4	11	40	35	00	8	100	00	1916	Good	Yes	700 00	
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	198	3	4	4	5	1					110	1	11	11	15	00	1	95	00	1917	Fair	Yes	500 00	
433	Homechere	Eganville	73	4	4	5	4						111	3	11	15			5	57	00	1916	Good	Yes	500 00	
459	Cobden	Cobden	97	5	1	5	4	2					111	1	12	18	10	00	1	35	00	1917	Good	No	600 00	
465	Carleton	Carp	60	1	7	4	1						111	1	12	18	10	00	1	35	00	1917	Good	Yes	500 00	
476	Corinthian	North Gower	70		1	1	2						12	2	11	20	25	00	7	15	00	1916	Fair	Yes	4500 00	
479	Russell	Russell	99		7	5	6	5					211	7	19	30	30	00	2	178	85	1917	Good	Yes	750 00	
516	Enterprise	Bentburg	58	13	12	8	4	6					212	3	15	24			2	11	00	1916	Good	Yes	2500 00	
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	82	11	11	4	6						111	1	15	20			2	22	00	1916	Good	Yes	1200 00	
526	Ionie	Westboro	82	9	1	7	11	12	2				111	1	15	20			2	22	00	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren-

I have the honour herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 for the past year.

I wish first to express to the brethren my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in electing me to this high and important position. I fully appreciate the responsibility and have endeavoured to discharge my duties accordingly, but none realize more than myself its many shortcomings. However, a Mason's charity knows no bounds so I take refuge under its broad mantle.

I believe I have the honour to represent not only the most westerly district but also in point of square miles the largest in the province. I endeavoured to visit each lodge on their regular meeting night and to do this I had to travel almost two thousand five hundred miles. This necessitated some long railway journeys but I was amply repaid by the hearty welcome and courteous treatment I received at each of my visits. To the lodges that called emergent meetings for my official visit I am very grateful, and must here express my appreciation of the ready acquiescence I received when I asked for an extra meeting.

The condition of ~~M~~ Masonry throughout the district is very prosperous. Many members have heard the call of duty and the remainder are keeping the lights of Masonry steadily burning. I find each lodge is ruled by a strong, reliable, trustworthy brother, well up in his work and enjoying the confidence of the members. The junior officers are all well posted and perform their duties with a snap and vim that is easily noticeable. I must refrain from selecting any Secretary for special mention as in each case this work is done with an accuracy and neatness that is very commendable.

I, however, feel that my thanks are due R. W. Bro. E. E. Wood, of Fort William, P.D.D.G.M., for his kind assistance, which was so cheerfully given each time I sought it.

Official Visits.

Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518, Sioux Lookout. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on May 30th. I arrived in the town considerably after midnight on the previous evening and was met at the station by the W. M., Bro. Cooper, and several other brethren. This impressed me very much. At the lodge meeting, which was well attended, the work of the first degree was exemplified by the W. M. and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. This young lodge is very enthusiastic and the members are eager to be enlightened. A bright future seems assured.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 1st and was greeted by a very large attendance. The first degree was worked by W. M., W. W. Brown and his officers in a very able and efficient manner. The appropriate music added much to the attractiveness of the meeting. I was fortunate in visiting this lodge on the same evening as the Past Masters' Association of the twin cities was paying their annual visit, so that I enjoyed a rare treat. The address on benevolence by W. Bro. N. Edemeston was exceptionally good. The craft are to be congratulated in having such an energetic Past Masters association in their midst.

Royal Lodge No. 453, Fort William. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 2nd and was pleased to see W. Master C. E. Watkins in the King's uniform. He was ably assisted in the work of the evening by several P. Ms. A first and two seconds were conferred very proficiently. The officers were well up in their work and enthusiastic in the welfare of their lodge. I was much impressed by the solemnity in the lodge room during the conferring of the degrees. This lodge is in first class condition.

Pequonga Lodge No. 414, Kenora. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on May 3rd. The attendance was good and the work of raising a brother was exemplified in a very creditable manner with Bro. J. R. Dowd, W. M., in the chair. He could not have better officers to assist him. This is an A one lodge. Next morning I visited an old time Mason in the person of Bro. Atkinson who had previously suffered a slight paralytic stroke and at the time of my visit was improving. I had the pleasure of hearing from his own lips the story of his meeting the Duke of Connaught.

Keewatin Lodge No. 417, Keewatin. W. Bro. H. A. Vaughan, W. M. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 4th. The home-like cosy lodge rooms and wholesome welcome of the members made one feel at home at once. The work of passing two brethren was well done. The attendance was good. This lodge is in excellent shape. Quite a number of visitors were present from the lodges in Kenora, including Bro. Gibson, W. M. of Lake of the Woods.

Port Arthur Lodge No. 499, Port Arthur. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on May 7th. A second and third degree were ably conferred by Bro. W. J. Ferguson, W. M., assisted by very competent P. Ms. and junior officers. Perfect harmony prevails among the members. Bro. Ferguson is to be congratulated on the number of able P. Ms. he can call to his assistance. These were not needed at any time but I also like to see a number taking part in the conferring of the degrees. This is a good strong lodge.

Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden. I intended visiting this lodge on May 8th but owing to illness was unable to do so. However, I was ably represented by R. W. Bro. J. H. Perry, of Fort William, who kindly came to my assistance. He reports as follows:—At your request I visited Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden on May 8th and found the lodge in splendid shape. The W. M., Bro. A. M. Taylor, and his officers conferred

the second degree in a very creditable manner. The Secretary has the books in first class shape. There was a good attendance and the future looks bright.

Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 9th. The meeting was largely attended. W. Bro. A. D. Cameron, supported by his efficient staff of officers, conferred a third degree to the satisfaction of all. This lodge is in splendid condition. Harmony and a strong Masonic fellowship is in evidence. I shall never forget the kindness shown me during my stay in Fort William by Bro. A. D. Cameron and Bro. C. E. Watkins, the W. Ms. of the two lodges.

Connaught Lodge No. 511, Fort William. I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on May 10th. W. Bro. W. F. Smart was in the chair. The work of passing two brethren was well done. One of these brothers belonged to Fort William Lodge but as he was soon leaving for overseas service, he was given his second degree by Connaught Lodge. Such brotherly assistance reveals the true spirit of Masonry and is what I like very much to see. This young lodge is doing grand work and is in fine condition.

Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445, Kenora. This is one of the lodges I was very anxious to visit as I previously knew many of the members, one being my esteemed friend R. W. Bro. Chapple, but I was detained by sickness so that I had to request Bro. Chapple to act for me. This he kindly consented to do and visited the lodge on May 11th. He reports everything in connection with the lodge to be in splendid shape. On the evening of his visit a candidate was passed to the second degree by W. M. Gannon Gibson and his officers. The work was well done. This lodge is evidently maintaining its previous standard of excellence.

Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Francis. I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on June 5th. The attendance was augmented by a number of our American cousins from the lodge at International

Falls. The W. Master, Bro. J. H. Walker, conferred a third degree in a very creditable manner. He was ably assisted by proficient junior officers. As I am personally acquainted with many of the members I enjoyed this visit. This lodge is in a prosperous condition in every way.

Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River. I intended making my official visit to this my mother lodge on June 7th, but owing to the unavoidable absence of the W. M., Bro. A. Turnbull, and as no Past Master outside of myself was present, I opened the lodge and conferred the second degree. This lodge is in a fair condition. Many of the members are railroad men and are away from the town on meeting night so that the general attendance is not as large as it otherwise would be. However, I am anticipating a brighter future and hope to soon see this lodge back to its former place of being one of the best in this district.

So far I have said nothing about the entertainments which always followed each of my visits. To put it in simple language these banquets were sumptuous. The excellent speeches, good music, and patriotic songs were of a high order. During my short address I always asked the brethren to rise and drink a silent toast to our members at the front. As each lodge has its own quota there this was always participated in very solemnly.

In conclusion, let me again thank the brethren for the fraternal and hospitable manner in which I have been received. To my successor I can assure him the same cordial assistance as has been extended to me and I hope Masonry in Algoma District will continue to prosper as in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

D. McBANE, D.D.G.M.,

Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Algoma District No. 17, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Mem- bership	Degr's Cont'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arrears	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	329	9			21	19	18	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	196	00	228	50	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	\$1150 00		
414	Pegongwa	Kenora	210	18			20	16	17	4	1	3	1	3			2	1	5	19	10	609	00	June 25	Good	F. class	Yes	2500 00			
415	Port William	Port William	263	30			23	20	18	5	5	7	1	13			1	13	15	28	200	00	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	Nil				
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	89	3			1	3	3	1	2	1	1	2			2	12	12	16	...	16	270	00	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	800 00		
415	L. of the Woods	Kenora	59	1			3	4	4					1			1	1	13	...	12	200	00	June 21	Good	Bright	Yes	1100 00			
445	Granite	Port Francis	98	2			5	9	10					1			1	12	13	25	20	00	19	230	00	Dec. 27	Good	Fair	Yes	800 00	
446	Royal	Port William	117	6			1	6	5	5				2			1	10	5	10	5	00	6	20	00	Dec. 27	Good	Fair	Yes	1100 00	
453	Royal	Rainy River	81	4			11	3	3	3	3			1			1	10	5	10	5	00	6	20	00	Jan. 9	Good	V. good	Yes	800 00	
461	Ionie	Dryden	103	13			8	7	5	1	1	3		2			2	13	9	22	38	149	50	13	119	00	Jan. 6	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
484	Golden Star	Port Arthur	73	4			19	19	19	3	3	3		3			4	13	9	22	38	149	50	13	119	00	Jan. 6	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	71	21			21	18	12	12	3	3	1	2			1	13	8	21	28	30	00	3	30	00	Jan. 6	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
511	Connaught	Port William	85	10			18	12	12	3	3	1	1	2			1	13	8	21	28	30	00	3	30	00	Jan. 6	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
518	St. Louis Lookout	St. Louis Lookout	85	10			9	10	15	1	1	1	1	1			2	11	13	27	17	17	201	90	Dec. 27	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00		

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District No. 18. I desire at the outset to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for conferring upon me the honourable office of D.D.G.M.

I consider it a great privilege to be permitted to attain this high standing among my brethren. It was with considerable reluctance that I accepted the office, knowing full well that my ability would be taxed to its utmost capacity in order to follow in the line of my illustrious predecessors. I, however, accepted with the determination to perform the duties appertaining thereto fearlessly, impartially, and to the very best of my judgment. This I have endeavoured to accomplish with what measure of success I leave it with the lodges to determine.

My first official act and duty consisted in the appointment of W. Bro. W. A. Simpson, P. M., of Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, to the office of District Secretary; and of W. Bro. Rev. Wm. McDonald, P. M., of Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, as District Chaplain. Permit me next to acknowledge valuable assistance and service generously and willingly rendered by the following P. D. D. G. Ms.: Chris. R. Reid, J. B. Wallace, N. J. McCubbin, John B. Way, R. H. Knight and C. F. Farwell. My sincere thanks are due these brethren for their sound advice and considerate kindness, in many instances given at the price of their own personal inconvenience.

Lodge of Instruction.

On January the 18th I held a Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola. The town of Espanola is fairly well

situated as far as a central location is concerned, being on the line of the Algoma Eastern Railway, leading to Manitoulin Island and also on the Soo branch of the C. P. R., a distance of 138 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, and 166 from Mattawa. The lodges at Sault Ste. Marie are the most westerly and the lodge at Mattawa the most easterly in this district. Ten of the twelve lodges in this district were represented, while many visitors from near and far helped to make the occasion all the more pleasant and profitable. Among the past Grand Lodge officers present were R. W. Bros. C. R. Reid and J. B. Wallace. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Rev. Wm. McDonald and officers of Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, followed by an exemplification of the second degree by W. Bro. D. H. Parker and officers of Espanola Lodge No. 527. The work of the third degree was put on by W. Bro. W. A. Simpson and officers of Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, using the musical ritual and assisted by their lodge quartette. After each degree the meeting was open for question and discussion but as all three degrees were so excellently worked by the three lodges, there was little ground for criticism. I desire to thank the Masters and officers of these lodges for the time and inconvenience this meeting cost them and wish to congratulate them on the very creditable rendition of the work. At the close of the meeting we were hospitably entertained by the members of Espanola Lodge at luncheon. W. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee, P. M., who was toastmaster, performed the duties of that function with his usual grace and dignity.

Institution.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I had the honour of instituting Algonquin Lodge Copper Cliff (U.D.) on Good Friday evening, April 6th. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. N. J. McCubbin, C. R. Reid, J. B. Wallace, V. W. Bros. S. Weegar, R. Dorsett, Joseph Fowler and W. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee. About fifty visitors representing twenty-seven lodges were present. This new

lodge started off with thirty-six members. The brethren have provided comfortable and commodious lodge quarters, well furnished and appointed in every respect. The following are the officers: W.M., J. W. Rawlins; S.W., C. G. Ade; J.W., W. J. Hambley; Chap., Rev. C. E. Kenney; Treas., J. Wilson; Sec., E. H. Orser; S. D., J. S. Allen; J.D., K. L. Newton; D. of C., E. R. Potts; I.G., E. T. Corkhill; Tyler, W. G. Calder.

Official Visits.

Espanola Lodge No. 527, Espanola. I visited this lodge on the evening of January 18th, being the same date as our Lodge of Instruction. W. Bro. Parker and officers exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge has a most efficient staff of officers and is making slow but sure progress. The books are well kept and the lodge rooms and appointments commodious and comfortable. I. P. M., W. Bro. Dibblee, is an enthusiastic Mason, and has done a great deal for this lodge since its institution in working it up to its present position.

Nipissing Lodge No. 420, North Bay. There was a large attendance of members present when I visited officially on the evening of April 9th. W. Bro. Harry G. Thorpe, W. M., assisted by P. Ms. and officers, conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. Enthused and inspired by the results of our Lodge of Instruction, this lodge put on a musical third which added greatly to the impressiveness and solemnity of the degree. Many P. Ms. present. The books and records are in splendid condition. One of the outstanding features of my visit was an exceedingly eloquent and impressive address by W. Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrnes at the banquet, in reply to the toast of "Our boys at the front."

Mattawa Lodge No. 405, Mattawa. On April 11th I made my official visit to Mattawa Lodge. This is the oldest lodge in the 18th district. Owing to illness R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel was unable to be present. Although residing at Haileybury

he takes a very active interest in Mattawa, his mother lodge. W. Bro. J. H. Bell and officers conferred the first degree. There was some evidence of nervousness but, on the whole, the work was well put on and I am satisfied with the showing they made. Attendance was fair considering the number of Masons residing in town. The books and records are well kept.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447, Sturgeon Falls. My official visit to Sturgeon Falls Lodge was made at an emergent meeting April 12th. This lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. They own their lodge room, a solid brick building worth \$4,000.00, with a debt of \$800 against it. Attendance was very good. The books and records are in first class condition. W. Bro. S. P. Boland, an earnest student of the Masonic ritual, assisted by W. Bros. J. M. Wilson and Rev. Canon Piercy and officers of the lodge, conferred the E. A. degree in a manner very much above the average, reflecting credit on their lodge.

Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury. When I made my visit of inspection to Nickel Lodge on the evening of April 13th, there was a very large attendance of both members and visitors, it being one of the largest of the year. V. W. Bro. J. Fowler is an ideal Secretary, his books and records being always ready for the auditor. The third degree was conferred on one candidate with music, both instrumental and vocal, by W. Bro. A. J. Manley, assisted by W. Bros. Rev. Wm. McDonald and David W. Green and the regular officers of the lodge, in a manner above criticism. It would be difficult to improve on the work of this lodge.

Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie. When I visited this lodge on the evening of May 21st I had associated with me R. W. Bro. R. H. Knight, who very kindly rendered me timely assistance. Algoma Lodge is one of the best in the district, attendance good, steady increase in membership. The books and records are well kept being in the hands of W. Bro. A. W. Dunlop. The E. A.

degree was conferred by W. Bro. R. D. Gillespie, W. M., and officers, assisted by P. Ms., in such an efficient manner as to leave a lasting impression for good on the mind of the candidate. No criticism of the work was necessary. The removal of W. Bro. J. M. Begg from this city was a distinct loss to Algoma Lodge.

Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. This is my mother lodge. Being a regular attendant at the meetings, and in perfect touch with all their movements, I consider it unnecessary to visit officially on a stated date. On invitation of the lodge I was present, in an official capacity, on May 29th. Very large attendance, 30 Past Masters present, ten of the number Past Grand Lodge officers. Keystone is the largest lodge numerically in the district. The third degree with musical and vocal quartette, was conferred by W. Bro. Alex. Brechin, W. M., P. Ms. and officers in the same effective and thorough manner that has always characterized the work of this lodge. Nothing to criticize. My associate on this occasion was R. W. Bro. C. F. Farwell, of Algoma Lodge. Secretary's books are up to the minute.

Doric Lodge No. 455, Little Current. After a very pleasant trip by boat from Cutler, I arrived at Little Current and was met by R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, the leading light and mainstay of Doric Lodge. Owing to war conditions this lodge is not enjoying a large measure of prosperity; no applications for initiation for the past two years. I visited officially on June 12th; election of officers and general business. W. Bro. C. M. Henning, W. M., and officers opened and closed the lodge and conducted the business of the evening in a very thorough manner. Bro. Lou C. Chapman, of Sault Ste. Marie, accompanied me on my visits to Little Current and Gore Bay, giving us an odd monologue.

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472, Gore Bay. W. Bro. Henning, of Little Current, very kindly conveyed us to West Bay, half way to Gore Bay, by automobile. At West Bay we were met by W. Bro. A. E. Graham, W. M. of Gore Bay Lodge, and Bro.

E. C. Jackson, J. W., and motored to Gore Bay. I visited on the evening of June 13th. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree on one candidate in such a manner as to remove all doubt from my mind as to their ability and capacity to confer the degrees of Masonry with earnestness and effectiveness. W. Bro. R. Robinson, P. M., is a tower of strength to this lodge. The books and records are always in the best of condition.

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River. Visited this lodge on June 14th, and received an exceedingly warm welcome. Penewobikong is an Indian word meaning "The place where the partridge hid its nest," the spot where Blind River now stands, being so named by the Indians many years ago. The attendance was very good. The books and records are well looked after by the Secretary. There being no degree work the W. M. Bro. R. Gray and officers opened and closed the lodge in all three degrees. The work was done to my satisfaction. This lodge is in good condition and the prospects are very fair for its future success. They enjoy the advantages of having in their lodge one of the most thoroughly posted Masons in the district, in the person of W. Bro. W. G. White.

Algonquin Lodge, U. D., Copper Cliff. The thriving town of Copper Cliff, with a population of 4,000, is situated on the Soo branch of the C. P. R. about four miles west of Sudbury. Mining is the most important industry, being the seat of the great nickel and copper deposits. This lodge was instituted by myself on April 6th, with 36 members. They have now 41 members. "Safety First," is their watchword and to this end they have stationed at the door as I. G., a safety first engineer in the person of Bro. E. T. Corkhill. R. W. Bro. Chris. R. Reid, P.D.D.G.M., of Sudbury, visited this lodge officially on my behalf on the evening of June 19th. The R. W. Bro's. report was as follows: "The work of the evening was in the second degree. W. Bro. J. W. Rawlins and officers conferred the degree. They did the work very creditably indeed even the giving of the charge was good." I

desire to thank R. W. Bro. Reid for this and many other deeds of kindness. Algonquin Lodge will make good.

Dyment Lodge No. 442, Thessalon. On June 27th I visited Dyment Lodge officially. This lodge was very unfortunate in having their lodge quarters furniture, warrant, regalia and all their belongings totally destroyed by fire. They are meeting, by permission, in the Oddfellows Hall until other arrangements are completed. There being no degree work, W. Bro. W. W. Thompson, W. M., and officers opened and closed the lodge in all three degrees in a satisfactory manner. Attendance fair; inspiring addresses by a number of visitors and members of the lodge.

Recommendations.

That each lodge appoint an insurance committee whose duty it will be to see that sufficient insurance is carried to adequately protect the lodge against fire. Example, Dyment Lodge. Value of lodge belongings, \$1,400; insurance, \$300; loss, \$1,100.

That at least one Lodge of Instruction be held in this district each year. That the incoming D.D.G.M. immediately organize or rather invite one lodge only to exemplify all three degrees at the said lodge of instruction. In this way it involves less work and expense and secures better results. I cannot urge too strongly the necessity of continuing this work. The lodge of instruction held at Espanola was largely attended, of real interest, and its influence was felt throughout the district.

Attendance. One of the greatest difficulties the Master has to contend with is the fact that probably not more than one new member out of every four appears to take any interest whatsoever in the proceedings after the first night or two following his initiation, and meeting after meeting, except when some special event is on, the same few loyal supporters are present. This condition of affairs should not exist and can be traced in many

instances to a lack of initiative on the part of the officers, whose duty it is to see that the meetings are made interesting to newcomers in particular. It is not sufficient that they be passed through the degrees and then left without attention, for in such cases they will find the meetings unattractive and stay away. I would recommend that officers make a special attempt to interest new members, not only by personally conversing with them, but by seeing that they are introduced to other members, and as soon as possible put them on some special committee, such as entertainment, refreshment, visiting the sick; and in every way possible secure their interest at once.

Attraction. That the officers of the lodge should study to create, or suggest, matters or subjects for discussion of such a nature that any member might take part therein and avoid the habit many have of going through the business of the evening in a perfunctory manner, and, without encouraging topics for conversation or discussion, then close the meetings; in such cases those who have attended go away feeling that the evening has in a measure been lost and that there was really nothing worth while leaving their homes or putting off other engagements for. A brother does not begin to realize how much pleasure and satisfaction there is in the work of Masonry until he feels that he has something to do. Many of these sidebenchers are very competent and well posted Masons who, if encouraged, would gladly present addresses or give talks on the different subjects in a most entertaining and instructive manner, which would certainly create an interest of a permanent nature. I would strongly urge that the W. Ms. take up this matter energetically.

Interest the Ladies. A feature of worthy cultivation and capable of being turned to good account, the beneficial effects of which have been already felt in several lodges of this district, is the permanent good to the order generally by the cultivation of various social gatherings to which are invited the wives and daughters of members; on which

occasions opportunity may be taken to appropriately entertain them and at the same time interest them in the work of Masonry, impress upon them the necessity of urging their husbands, brothers, fathers or sweethearts, as the case may be, to be prompt and regular in their attendance at their lodge meetings, as well as prompt and regular in the payment of their lodge dues. A very large number of the ladies are better Masons than their husbands. Interest the ladies!

Social Functions at Official Visits.

Opportunity and space forbid more than a general reference to the social hour spent in refreshment after labour at each lodge on my official visit. In every instance I was enthusiastically and cordially received and right royally entertained. I have had the pleasure of making many new friends and cementing more closely friendships of past years. This I prize more highly than any honour connected with the office I occupy. During this strenuous period, through which we are now passing, I was under the opinion that the refreshments might well be omitted, but the good brethren of the district would not adhere to my suggestions in that regard. The speeches or addresses delivered at the banquets were of a very high order. The Masonic tenets and teachings and patriotism are the main subjects generally dealt with at these gatherings. For eloquence, oratory and after-dinner speech-making, I am certain the 18th District can compare favourably with any district in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

Conclusion.

Men will never know; they can never know the good that has been done by the simple, commonplace, easily understood lessons of Freemasonry. The possibilities for the practical application of these lessons are ever increasing. Unless we in a great measure fulfil our intended noble mission, our Order will not hold the high rank it should have among the great forces working for the betterment of humanity. The teachings and lessons of our

institution can make their influence felt in every community by building up a sentiment for honesty, fair dealing; in short, for acting in all things and on all occasions strictly on the square. The beauty of Masonry will be lost if we overlook the true spirit in the teachings of our system, for after all, the work of conferring degrees accurately, exemplifying the work attractively, is but a stepping-stone to the true Masonic life.

I especially desire to acknowledge valuable assistance received from the District Secretary, W. Bro. W. A. Simpson. I am deeply grateful to him for assisting me in various ways, making my work lighter and more pleasant to perform.

I am glad to report that perfect peace and harmony prevail in this district and I trust this happy state of affairs may continue to exist. A year of most pleasant official relations has closed. The hearty handshake I received from every brother wherever I travelled is a great source of pleasure and satisfaction to me. No one could sever his relationships under such existing conditions without feeling the pangs of regret. In carrying out the duties of my office I have made an honest effort to be fair and impartial in all my transactions, and if I have erred in omission or commission I ask one and all as true Masons to cover up my faults and imperfections with the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. McCREA, D.D.G.M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Nipissing District No. 18, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodges	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr.'s Conf'd		Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.											
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	117	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	2	1	13	2	15	14	18,219 00	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500 00	
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	401	14	20	18	20	4	1	6	2	3	11	31	15	10	51,315 00	..	Dec. 28	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00	
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	258	12	14	7	8	8	1	11	11	11	11	22	23	195 35	62,250 00	..	Dec. 28	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	260	11	20	16	17	1	2	7	11	2	13	13	26	31	318 05	48,537 50	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	91	4	15	4	6	3	1	2	14	12	12	18	20	00 22	463 80	..	Dec. 16	1916	Good	Good	Yes	None	
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	87	4	1	1	4	1	1	5	6	6	13	6	19	14	200 00	16,122 92	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	3100 00
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	88	2	2	9	6	6	1	1	2	2	2	6	2	8	12 57	16 83 00	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	202	3	4	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	11	13	14	25 00	28 129 00	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	73	1	4	3	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	11	13	14	..	6 30 00	..	Dec. 27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	68	5	6	4	4	1	1	2	2	2	9	15	20	151 00	..	..	..	Dec. 27	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	650 00
527	Esplanada.....	Esplanada.....	36	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	15	8	23	12	..	..	..	Dec. 26	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	41	41	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	6	21	..	..	..	Dec. 26	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me genuine pleasure to report on the condition of Masonry throughout Muskoka District No. 19 during the past Masonic year. In doing so I wish to thank the brethren for the honour they conferred on me in electing me to this office—I appreciate that honour, and have to the best of my ability endeavoured to maintain that high standard of efficiency set up by my predecessors in office. First: I wish to say that there is a genuine desire in all the lodges in the district to perform the work according to regulations laid down by Grand Lodge and a sincere desire to make Masons, not members, and being imbued with such a spirit each and every lodge took up the matter of increased Grand Lodge dues as a duty and a privilege, unanimously adjusting their finances to meet the increase. Secondly: Muskoka District may feel justly proud and thankful that the P.D.D.G.Ms. and P. Ms. take such a lively interest in Masonry, attend lodge so regularly and keep in touch with the work in general. No doubt this accounts for the good character of work performed throughout the district. Thirdly: I find each lodge in the district has an energetic and careful Secretary and Treasurer; also the books and accounts are carefully and systematically kept, and most of the equipment fairly well covered with insurance. During the year I paid several unofficial visits so as to get in closer touch with the brethren generally and to observe the general conduct of affairs of the several lodges and was surprised that in several cases the only work the officers had to do was one or two initiations and sometimes did not get a candidate to pass and raise during the year. In these lodges I recommended practice meetings and frequent visiting. The officers and brethren in practically every lodge were not in accord with a Lodge of Instruction nor could I get a reciprocity of visits of the

officers of the different lodges to confer the work as partially carried out by the R. W. Bro. McConkey last year, for nearly all Masonic officers were holding responsible positions and could not leave; hence I was compelled to abandon that plan for this year at least. In securing the services of W. Bro. A. J. Collins, Worshipful Master of Corona Lodge, Burk's Falls, as District Secretary, I was very fortunate, as his services were cheerfully and willingly rendered whenever at all possible.

On February the 14th I made my first official visit to Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville. This lodge is probably the best organized from a business standpoint of any lodge in the District and I am sure the regularity and care with which the reports of the Board of General Purposes are made up and presented to the brethren must be a source of great benefit to the lodge, and we may be assured that the tenets and fundamental principles of Masonry are safe in the hands of such an array of P. Ms. Unfortunately there was no degree work to be done the candidate being unable to be present. After opening and performing the routine business of the evening, I talked for a short time about the erection of the temple by King Solomon and connecting it with the temple we are erecting in Masonry today and urged upon the W. M. and P. Ms. the necessity of explaining the work of Masonry to all newly made Masons. I believe the officers and members of Unity Lodge are paying more attention to patriotic purposes at the present time than to Masonry, they one and all appear to be imbued with the truly Masonic spirit of charity.

On February the 19th I paid my official visit to Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge, in company with a number of brethren of Corona Lodge, Burk's Falls and we received that hearty welcome which is characteristic of Strong Lodge. W. Master Anderson and officers, assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Andrews, put on the work of a second degree in a very satisfactory manner. During the evening a very pleasing event took place which was the presenting of a P. M's. jewel to W. Bro. Dr. Andrews.

After the labours of the evening were ended, a very nice lunch was served and the remaining time was spent in a few short addresses till the train arrived to take the visitors home.

On Friday the 21st of February it was arranged with the W. M. and officers of Corona Lodge No. 454, of Burk's Falls, to go to Parry Sound and confer a second degree, and R. W. Bro. McConkey consented to be present and assist me on my official visit. Unfortunately the W. M. of Corona Lodge had both hands scalded by some chemical and was unable to go. However, R. W. Bro. McConkey came along and we arrived at Parry Sound at 8.30 p.m., and found the lodge room well filled. The W. M. and officers proceeded with the work and conferred the second degree almost word perfect in a manner deserving the highest praise. It is indeed an inspiration to meet in and visit this lodge, and the work of the present officers, no doubt, is the outcome of the example set by the Past Masters. Granite Lodge No. 352 is in a healthy and prosperous condition in every way and exceedingly well officered, and ere my successor has passed his term of office we may have the pleasure of meeting in their new lodge room.

On March the 6th I visited Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge. After looking over the books I must congratulate Muskoka Lodge upon the complete records kept and very satisfactory financial standing at the present. The W. M. and officers conferred a first degree in a very creditable manner indeed, and had these men more work to do they would give their successors in office a difficult task to improve upon the work done, and after the labours of the evening the usual toasts brought forth expressions of the greatest encouragement for Masonry in general and Muskoka Lodge in particular. I feel sure that Muskoka Lodge will enjoy a number of years of prosperity. I sincerely regret R. W. Bro. Huber was unable to remain and also that R. W. Bro. Whitten is still unable to attend.

On March the 12th I had the pleasure and privilege of making my official visit to Golden Rule

Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst. This was my first visit to Golden Rule and the memory of this evening will long remain as one of the pleasant spots in the year's proceedings. W. Master Bro. Porrit and his officers performed the ceremony of an initiation in a most perfect manner. There was a peculiar ease and grace about the movements of the officers and a particularly impressive delivery which to the thoughtful candidate must convey the very best in Masonry. During the evening I was glad to hear the Treasurer give notice of motion to invest some two or three hundred of their surplus cash in war loans. Was glad to notice visitors from Orillia, Bracebridge and other points, as their many words of commendation indicated the very best of fraternal feeling and I would say to the officers and brethren of Golden Rule, "continue in the way you are going and genuine progress is assured."

On April the 2nd I paid my official visit to my own Lodge, Corono No. 454, Burk's Falls, W. Bro. Collins, W. M., presiding, and was glad to note a number of visitors from Strong Lodge, including W. Bro. Anderson. The W. M. and officers put on the work of a second degree in a very creditable manner showing a marked improvement, the effect of two or three practices. Corona is blessed with P. Ms. and P.D.D.G.Ms. who are retaining a lively interest in Masonry and in her new home, with a better financial position than ever before, I look for a marked advance along Masonic lines.

On April the 10th I had the pleasure of visiting Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale, and quite a number of the Corona brethren were with me. After looking the books over I found everything in good shape, more especially when one considers the scattered membership of Algonquin. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W. M. and officers of the lodge in a very satisfactory manner and with such a long line of Past Masters known for their ability, one is not surprised to see the work so well put on.

My official visit to Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan, was arranged for the 9th day of March,

but owing to the train getting wrecked at Utterson I was unable to be present. We then agreed to postpone until the May meeting, when I had the pleasure of seeing a good attendance and the work of a first degree put on by the W. M. and officers of the lodge very nicely. W. Bro. Morrow should feel proud of his officers for supporting him so ably and by the support and guidance of the P. Ms. Powassan Lodge No. 443 has greater success ahead. My message is, meet regularly, do your work right, open on time and close in good time and see your membership grow.

In conclusion let me say that I sincerely recommend throughout the district the practice of frequent visits, giving grand honours and collecting pass grip and pass word; even though all present may be members of the lodge, we cannot be too familiar with this work.

Again I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the kindly treatment extended to me by each and every lodge upon my official visit and to those brethren who have accompanied me and assisted me in the year's work.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH HILLIAR, D.D.G.M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Muskoka District No. 19, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance													
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations										Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total					
352	Granite	Parry Sound	190	15	1	16	15	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	10	3	13	25	105	00	36	252	35	Dec.	27	1916	excellent	Good	Yes	\$1200 00	
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	80	1	2	3	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	2	12	15	75	00	9	80	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	115	3	11	3	7	5	3	1	4	6	1	1	5	1	1	16	1	47	00	12	269	50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	97	7	1	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	16	60	00	2	10	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
423	Strong	Sundridge	71	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	18	30	00	7	91	00	Jan.	30	1917	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	91	1	11	1	1	2	1	1	1	8	1	1	2	11	1	11	20	30	00	7	40	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
443	Powassan	Powassan	67	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	10	1	10	11	10	00	1	10	00	Dec.	31	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	82	7	3	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	18	15	00	15	76	00	Jan.	2	1917	Good	Good	Yes	400 00

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District No. 20 for the past year. I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in my election to the honourable and responsible position of representative of the Grand Master in this newly formed district. I wish also to express the gratitude I feel toward the P.D.D.G.Ms. for their kindness and valuable assistance rendered me during the year; also to the W. Masters, officers and members of the lodges who paid so many friendly visits to sister lodges on my official visits. This being a new district, I decided, as far as possible, to make every visit a lodge of instruction by having visiting lodges take part in the work, and I am pleased to say we had many pleasant and profitable meetings. This idea, I am satisfied, served the purpose most admirably as by that way every member in the district had the privilege of hearing the work in a uniform manner, all getting better acquainted.

On April 27th, 1917, I paid my first official visit to Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay, this being my mother lodge. We spent a pleasant evening and did a splendid evening's work. Murray Lodge, Beaverton, took part in the work which consisted of one second and three third degrees, and all was done in an excellent manner.

May 1st, 1917, I visited Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield, and found a very comfortable well furnished room and a good attendance. The work of the evening was a second degree by W. Bro. Spence and opening and closing in third degree which was all well done.

May 2nd, 1917, I visited Spry Lodge No. 496, Fenelon Falls. I found a good attendance and a

number of visitors from King George V. Lodge, Coboconk. There was no degree work, but W. Bro. Johnston and officers opened and closed in the three degrees and discussed the work in each degree, the brethren taking a great interest. The Secretary has his books in excellent shape and dues are well paid.

May 3rd, 1917, I visited Lorne Lodge No. 375, Omemee. We had a nice meeting but no work. W. Bro. Hart opening and closing in the three degrees and discussing the work in each degree. The books are well kept and everything prosperous.

Friday May 14th, 1917, I visited Verulam Lodge No. 268, Bobcaygeon. A new lodge room and new furniture make this one of the most up-to-date lodge rooms in the district. Two third degrees were exemplified, the first taken by W. Bro. Ingram and officers of Verulam Lodge and the other by Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls. I was agreeably surprised to find everything in such a prosperous condition. The Secretary has his books in splendid shape.

Monday, May 7th, 1917, I visited Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, Peterborough, and saw two third degrees put on in a manner that could not be excelled. I found here a splendid lot of officers but was sorry their W. M. was out of the city, and R. W. Bro. Walkey, the Secretary, was not well enough to attend. This young lodge is in a prosperous condition and bids fair to be one of the leading ones of the district.

May 18th, 1917, I visited Peterborough Lodge No. 155, and Corinthian Lodge No. 101, Peterborough, accompanied by the W. M., Leigh R. Knight, officers and about thirty members of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, and R. W. Bro. Walters, of Quebec. The work of the evening was two second degrees by W. Bro. McDonald and officers of Peterborough Lodge and a third degree by W. Bro. Morris and officers of Corinthian Lodge, and the work was done in almost a faultless manner.

May 30th, 1917, I visited Somerville Lodge No. 451, Kinmount. This lodge is handicapped by not having a Master, as Bro. Lyle, after being installed, and attending one meeting, moved to the west. However, the Master's chair was ably filled by W. Bro. McCluney, assisted by Bro. Geo. Train. One second and one third degree were worked very nicely. A number of brethren from Coboconk motored over to pay a friendly visit. This lodge is working nicely but is cramped for room and should have a new Master at once.

June 1st, 1917, I visited Arcadia Lodge No. 440, Minden, and installed Bro. Walter Walsh as Master and invested the other officers, after which two candidates were passed. All this was done in a very creditable manner by the retiring Master, W. Bro. R. Hughes.

June 4th, 1917, I visited King George V. No. 498, Coboconk, and had an overflow meeting, there being visitors from Minden, Fenelon Falls, Kirkfield and Lindsay. We had a splendid meeting. W. Bro. Birchard worked a second degree very nicely. The Secretary has his books in excellent shape. The lodge is in a very healthy condition.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1917, I visited Murray Lodge No. 408, Beaverton. A first degree by Harding Lodge, Woodville, and a third degree by Murray Lodge were worked in a faultless manner, W. Bro. Byrne, R. W. Bro. Williamson and R. W. Bro. Patterson taking part in work. There was a large attendance of visitors from Kirkfield, Lindsay and Woodville.

June 6th, 1917, I visited Harding Lodge No. 477, Woodville, and was introduced. The W. Master, Bro. Staback, was confined to his room with rheumatism. W. Bro. Galloway ably filled the chair and initiated a candidate in a perfect manner. They are all young officers in this lodge and they do their work with a snap that is interesting to all in attendance. There were a number of visitors from Lindsay, but as the evening was

very wet Beaverton failed to attend to exemplify the third degree. As the Secretary did not attend I was unable to examine his books.

June 8th, 1917, I visited Victoria Lodge No. 398, Kirkfield. R. W. Bro. Williamson and a number of visiting brethren from Beaverton attended but owing to bad roads several lodges were prevented from attending. W. Bro. F. McGirr and W. Bro. Jobe and officers initiated a candidate in a very satisfactory manner and W. Bro. Byrne, of Murray Lodge gave the charge. This proved another pleasant and instructive evening. Here the members' wives took an active part in preparing a splendid supper. W. Bro. Jobe is acting Secretary and the books are well looked after.

June 25th, 1917, I visited North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Haliburton, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ralph Clark, Lindsay, and W. Bro. Spurr, of Port Perry, both Past Masters of North Entrance Lodge. The work was installation of officers. The new W. M., Bro. Austin, closed the lodge in the three degrees in a perfect manner. A pleasing event took place when Bro. Rev. White, on behalf of the lodge, presented R. W. Bro. Clark with a beautiful Masonic tie pin. North Entrance has a very efficient Secretary-Treasurer. The dues are all paid and finances in good shape and the new hall is without one dollar against it. This lodge is in a very healthy condition. This evening brought my visits to an end.

In conclusion I desire again to thank the brethren of Victoria District No. 20 for the many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office and particularly on the occasion of my visits to the lodges. I shall always cherish in my heart the memory of the pleasant evenings spent with the brethren of the district.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. BEGG, D.D.G.M.,

Victoria District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Victoria District No. 20, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Mem- bership	Degr's Conf'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Meet's held	Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
77	Faithful Breth.	Lindsay	276	6			13	1	1	6	5	1	2	6		5	12	9	21	289	75	14	120	50	June	Good	Good	Yes	\$250 00
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	188	3			7	7	8	1	1	1	3	7		3	11	6	17	39	140	00	24	1917	Good	Good	Yes	Fully	
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	127	17	15		15	9	8	8	12	4	4	7		4	12	8	20	30	220	00	18	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
268	Verulam	Bokenaggon	67	1			5	6	7	2	5			1		10	10	21				3	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
313	Clementi	Lakefield	103	1			1	1	1	2	2					2	13	7				7	50	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
375	Lorne	Omeene	75	3	4		3	3	1	1	10					10	2	12	21		5	00	Jan.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	17	2			5	4	1	1	13	2				1	11	1	12	15		3		Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	70	1			1	1	1	1	12	7				7	19	15				3		Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
408	Murray	Beaverton	72	5			5	3	5	6	12	3	2			12	3	15	19	30	00	5	60	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
440	Arcadia	Minden	72	6	2		6	6	6	6	1					1	10	10	15			1	6	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
451	Somersville	Kimount	59	1			4	3	2	2	1					1	11	12	10		5	00	20	Dec.	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00	
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	52	4	4		4	4	1	3	1	1				10	1	11	11					Jan.	Good	Good	Yes	Fully	
477	Harding	Woodville	60	2			2	2	1	1	1					1	13	1	11	17		6	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	Fully	
498	King George V.	Coboconk	45	2			1	1	1	7	1					1	11	5	16	19	48	00	2		Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	63	13			1	6	7	3	3					1	11	5	16	19	48	00	2		Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	Fully

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have herewith the honour to submit my report of the condition of Masonry in Eastern District No. 21 for the Masonic year 1916-17. In so doing I desire to take the opportunity of expressing my thanks to the brethren of the district for the honour conferred upon me in placing me in this important and responsible position. I have endeavoured to devote all the time that I could possibly give to the office and, thanks to the kindly co-operation of the officers and members throughout the district and support and assistance of P.D.D.G. Ms., I believe the work throughout the district has not suffered.

Not being present at Grand Lodge installation, of D.D.G.Ms., P.D.D.G.M. Shepherd was commissioned by the Grand Master to install me in the office, which duty was duly performed by him. I wish here to express my obligation to R. W. Bro. Shepherd for his many kindnesses and willingness to assist me in any way during my term of office.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Kingston, of Cardinal Lodge No. 491, to the office of District Secretary and Bro. Rev. A. S. Cleland, as District Chaplain. I also feel constrained to express my appreciation of the support of the members of my own lodge who accompanied me in so many of my visitations and in such large numbers whenever possible.

The year has been one of harmony and progress. Most of the lodges have increased their membership and what is vastly more important, the character of those seeking admission into our ranks has been more rigidly scrutinized than ever before. The world is passing through the agonies of what we hope is the re-birth of a new era of civilization and freedom, and fraternity, and the minds of men

are set on the serious things of life. As a resultant, I have found that the moral and spiritual tone of our membership is high and the spirit of service and sacrifice was never so evident.

Visited Excelsior Lodge No. 142, Morrisburg, on March 2nd. The W. M. and several officers were absent through illness. R. W. Bro. Gorrell acted as W. M. in his usual capable manner. The second degree was conferred in an efficient manner. There is an *esprit de corps* and good-fellowship manifest in Excelsior Lodge that is good to see. P.D.D.G.M. Davy is an enthusiastic worker. Bro. Herring is a most efficient Secretary and the books are well kept. The continued prosperity of this lodge is assured.

On March 7th, I visited Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143, Iroquois. W. Bro. Harkness has been several times W. M. of this lodge and his wisdom, experience and devotion to Masonry are valuable assets to Friendly Brothers Lodge. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner. Friendly Brothers Lodge has had its ups and downs but is now in a very prosperous condition. Finances are good. Books are well kept by a zealous and efficient Secretary.

Visited Central Lodge No. 110 on March 20th. There was a large attendance of the membership, together with large delegations from Ogdensburg Lodges and Cardinal Lodge. The third degree was conferred in an impressive manner. Central Lodge was transferred from St. Lawrence to Eastern District at last G. L. meeting. The lodge has had an active year and has added a goodly number to its membership. Found everything in excellent condition and prospects of the best.

Visited Williamsburg Lodge No. 480, Williamsburg, on March 22nd. There was a fairly good attendance. This lodge is composed mostly of a rural membership and a most commendable spirit is shown in attendance in spite of distance and bad roads. I have been frequently struck with the fact that country members will drive several miles to

lodge meetings at considerable inconvenience to themselves, while so many members living almost adjacent to the lodge room do not find sufficient interest to attend. The third degree was efficiently conferred.

Visited Chesterville Lodge No. 320, Chesterville, on March 26th, and received a very cordial welcome from the officers and members. Chesterville Lodge owns and occupies a beautiful lodge room, possibly the finest and best appointed in the district. The second degree was conferred in an impressive manner. With such an environment and an enthusiastic membership, the highest prosperity should attend this lodge in the future. W. Bro. Bolster is an efficient Master and Bro. Elliott is a most capable Secretary. P.D.D.G.M. Casselman is a member and active worker.

On April 2nd visited Wales Lodge No. 458, Wales. W. Bro. Gosling, W. M., was unable to be present and the office was capably filled by I. P.M. Eaman. The first degree was expected to be conferred but the candidate not being in attendance, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and some aspects of Masonry profitably discussed. A very pleasant social time was spent after the closing of the lodge. The duties of Secretary are discharged in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. Financial condition of lodge excellent and prospects bright.

On evening of April 3rd I visited Alexandria Lodge No. 439, Alexandria. This lodge suffers from being situated in a town with a steadily decreasing minority of English-speaking inhabitants. Its field is therefore limited, but the members are of a high class and enthusiastic. The lodge is well officered, and under the wise and experienced leadership of such members as R. W. Bros. Bradley and Stewart, is making the best of its opportunities. We had a very pleasant meeting. P.D.D.G.M., Jones, of Vankleek Hill, kindly came over and assisted me by his presence. The first degree well conferred. The J. W.'s. lecture was given impressively and in a manner worthy of special mention. From the

high class of its membership Alexandria Lodge should have no difficulty in always having its chairs filled with capable officers.

Cornwall Lodge No. 125, Cornwall, visited on April 4th. A good attendance. No degree work, as year's work in that respect had been completed at previous meeting. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. W. Bro. Relyea in the chair. A general discussion on the working of the degrees then taking place. P.D.D.G.M. Hyndman, of St. Lawrence District, was present and addressed the lodge. P.D.D.G.M. Ridley is Secretary of this lodge and his books are models of accuracy, conciseness and neatness.

Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450, Hawkesbury, visited on April 5th. This lodge is hampered by not having a suitable lodge room. With more suitable quarters, conveniently situated, the lodge would be in a position to do better work. It suffers also from being situated in a community, a large part of the population of which is at least not sympathetic towards Masonry. The standard of the lodge's membership is excellent and the best traditions of Masonry are upheld. W. Bro. Hunter, W. M., resides some miles from the lodge room, but he has the interests of Masonry at heart and capably fills the chair. First degree was conferred in an excellent manner.

April 30th visited Plantagenet Lodge No. 186, Riceville. The membership with great zeal and Masonic enthusiasm built and equipped their own lodge room, which is complete in all its appointments. R. W. Bro. Shepherd is a member of this lodge and to him the lodge owes a debt of gratitude which should ensure his name being held in veneration by the lodge throughout its future history. Under his wise oversight ably seconded by Bro. Ryan, the efficient Secretary of the lodge, and others, the continued prosperity and good work of the lodge is certain. The second degree was ably conferred.

May 1st visited St. John's Lodge No. 21a, Vankleek Hill. Having a large country member-

ship, the attendance was small. A very pleasant meeting. W. Bro. Michener in the chair. Missed R. W. Bro. Jones who was unavoidably absent. No candidate being in attendance, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, after which I addressed the lodge on some aspects of Masonry. Finances good and books well kept. St. John's Lodge is an old lodge, which has a noble history, and will continue to be a power for good in the community in the years to come.

May 11th visited Cardinal Lodge No. 491, Cardinal. This is my home lodge. I was accompanied in my visitation by R. W. Bro. Shepherd. There was a good attendance of members with a good number of visiting brethren from adjacent lodges. W. Bro. Eastman presided. The first degree was conferred in the usual excellent manner. During the evening R. W. Bro. Shepherd gave an erudite and instructive address on the history of Masonry, which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Having attended most of the lodge meetings during the year, I have special knowledge of the good work accomplished. Thoroughness has been the watchword, and perfection the ideal towards which the officers and members have striven. Consequently the ritualistic part of the work has always been of a high order and the spirit of fraternity and the principles of Masonry have been well exemplified by the membership.

June 1st visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 28, Kemptville. Second degree conferred. The work of the evening was efficiently performed by the officers who are well qualified for their different offices. I found considerable dissatisfaction and irritation among the membership owing to the transferring of the lodge from St. Lawrence to Eastern District. Under wise guidance of its officers and with the interests of Masonry paramount, we trust that this feeling of resentment will be allowed to pass away and that the new ties of association with the lodges of this district will be as pleasant as those which have been severed. W. Bro. Guest is a very painstaking and efficient Secretary and his books are well kept.

June 29th visited Henderson Lodge No. 383, Winchester. This lodge has a fine membership. They have a very neat and pleasant lodge room and the spirit of Masonry is nowhere better exemplified than here. No candidate being present the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. One interesting discussion followed and it was evident that the officers were animated by a desire to be as nearly perfect as possible in the details of their work. A mutually pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Bro. Smith is an excellent Secretary. The future of Henderson Lodge is of the brightest.

July 4th visited Farran's Point Lodge No. 256, Aultsville. A large attendance, both of the local members and also from Wales and other adjacent lodges. This lodge has a very cosy and attractive lodge room, richly furnished. The benefit of this to the lodge is reflected in the attendance and quality of the work done. The second degree was conferred by the regular officers of the lodge, after which the chairs were vacated by them and taken by Past Masters of the lodge who conferred the third degree. In both degrees the work was put on in a faultless manner. I was especially pleased to note the more than excellent manner in which the P. Ms. performed their work. All praise to these P. Ms. and those like them who have continued their interest in the lodge and have kept with enthusiasm in touch with the work. Would that this could be said of all P. Ms. R. W. Bro. Hanes is the efficient Secretary of this lodge. Altogether, this was possibly the most successful lodge meeting of my visitations.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the members generally for kindly assistance and co-operation and forbearance where I may have failed in measuring up to the duties pertaining to the office. I have constantly realized throughout the year that the more one gives, the more he receives. And, all in all, I can say that this has been the most pleasant and profitable year since I was honoured by being received into membership in our craft.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. LOCKE, D.D.G.M.,

Eastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Eastern District No. 21, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held										Amount paid for relief		Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees?	Insurance						
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations					Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total							Aver. atten'ce of members					
								Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased														Regular	Emergent	Total	Aver. atten'ce of members	
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	67	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	1	13	14	140	00	67	72	00	June	21	1917	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00	
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	83	3	6	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	11	11	1	13	18	10	00	26	169	00	Jan.	25	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00	
110	Central	Prescott	145	9	9	9	8	1	3	2	1	2	214	4	18	30	157	50	20	65	00	June	25	1917	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00		
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	145	6	4	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	24	60	00	4	12	00	June	21	1917	Good	V. good	Yes	900 00		
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	75	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	12	12	3	7	00	3	7	00	Dec.	28	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	275 00	
183	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois	103	4	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	12	2	14	12	15	00	15	44	50	June	24	1917	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
186	Plantagenet	Riceville	58	4	2	1	1	3	1	5	1	1	113	113	13	11	30	00	8	75	03	July	7	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	1200 00		
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	128	4	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	112	112	13	14	35	00	28	118	50	June	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	1350 00		
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	98	5	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	212	212	13	25	10	60	00	10	60	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	106	1	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	212	212	14	18	46	00	8	47	03	Jan.	10	1917	Good	Good	Yes	2900 00		
383	Henderson	Winchester	97	3	5	4	5	1	2	3	9	2	213	213	15	20	25	00	14	233	00	Mar.	10	1917	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	600 00	
418	Maxville	Maxville	72	1	11	7	5	1	2	3	9	1	213	213	14	19	25	00	14	30	03	June	1	1917	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	64	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	11	11	12	11	11	50	1	12	50	June	21	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00		
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	76	3	4	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	12	14	15	29	145	03	29	145	03	June	24	1917	Good	Good	No	500 00	
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	105	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	20	46	00	2	16	00	2	16	00	June	24	1917	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
458	Wales	Wales	90	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	110	110	10	20	46	00	2	16	00	Feb.	5	1917	Fair	\$725 00	Yes	500 00		
480	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	47	4	4	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	13	13	14	20	1	1	1	1	1	Jan.	27	1917	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
491	Cardinal	Cardinal	68	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	1	12	12	5	17	20	1	1	1	1	June	27	1917	V. good	V. good	Yes	300 00		

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit for your consideration, and I trust approval, my report on the condition of Masonry in Temiscaming District No. 22 for the year 1916-17.

This pleasure is the greater, as having been thought worthy to fulfil that high and important office in the place and stead of one whom this new district honoured by electing him as the first representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, in the person of Major R. H. James, P. M., of Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt, a man of the highest and best type, a Mason of the best order, and a friend and well-wisher of all.

The district knew or felt at the time of his election that he would not be able to attend to all the duties pertaining to the office, but it was hoped that he would be spared some time at least in Canada during which he would be able to begin the actual visitation work. This pleasure was not afforded him, as he was called to go overseas before he had an opportunity to begin. It must, however, not be thought or imagined that although he was not able to move about among the brethren, that he did not do splendid work.

Soon after the closing of Grand Lodge he sent a resume of the transactions of that body in the form of a circular to all his lodges, giving in minute detail all that transpired of moment at that session. He then appointed R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, P.D.D.G.M. of the old Nipissing District No. 18 as District Secretary, with whom he remained in the closest touch as to the conditions of the craft. He also appointed Rev. Bro. D. L. Gordon, of Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt, as District Chaplain.

When it was found that it would be impossible for him to be on hand to take up any of the active

work of the district, he addressed a circular letter to all his lodges, and although it may make the report a little more lengthy than might be desired, I feel that it should be embodied in full in this report, as it has added so much to the impulse which the brethren have here. This letter ran as follows:

Camp Borden, October 26, 1916.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:

Before leaving the hospitable shores of this beloved land, and the presence of brethren whose friendship and goodwill have been endeared by lengthy and fraternal association, I feel it my pleasant duty, even at this late date, to extend most hearty thanks for the distinction of having been selected to occupy the honourable position of the first D.D.G.M. of the new 22nd Masonic District.

In accepting the duties and responsibilities of this high office, it was feared that the opportunities of fraternal intercourse with the brethren would be very meagre. But at that time it was felt that arrangements could be satisfactorily made whereby a portion, at least, of the lodges of the new district could be personally and officially visited during the months of the early autumn.

That the path of Greater Duty has rendered this pleasure impossible, I deeply regret; and it is with much reluctance that I am now compelled to bid you farewell without having enjoyed, in an official capacity, another taste of that cordial hospitality and good fellowship for which the lodges of the new district have become justly so well known.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren: I leave you with every assurance, and with the unshaken belief that the affairs of your lodge and also the affairs of the district of which you are a part, are in good hands; that the ancient landmarks will be safely guarded; that the principles of craft teaching will be disseminated amongst our fellowmen, and that good-fellowship and brotherly love will abundantly flourish.

It is my earnest wish that due attention be given to the business administration of your lodge, that your financial obligations receive proper attention; that records of all your transactions be carefully preserved; that systematic effort be put forth to collect all dues; that your property be insured at a fair valuation; that prompt returns be rendered to Grand Lodge, and that careful investigation be given to all claims which may be made upon your charity. In this latter connection, permit no worthy applicant to be turned away unheeded, so that this central principle of the craft be not denied.

And to the brethren who have gone forth from your own lodge to answer another call, I am sure it is not necessary to ask that their memories be kept green. Many of them have already been summoned by the gavel of duty to the Grand Lodge above, and doubtless many more will answer the same call. Let us, as Masons, faithfully learn the lessons of the times, and apply them to the lives of ourselves and of our fellowmen, by the infallible guides of the Master Craftsman.

To the distinguished brethren who have so willingly undertaken the work of the district on my especial behalf, and to whose efforts I will always remain under fraternal obligation, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks. R. W. Bro. Haentschel has cheerfully given of his best effort in promoting the welfare of the district, and in this respect he has had his hand strengthened by the co-operation and support of other prominent brethren of the district. Indeed, I am assured by the brethren generally that under such excellent guidance, the interests of the district will not be allowed to suffer because of my absence.

And now, Worshipful Sir and Brethren, nothing remains but to express the hope that fate may deal kindly with us all, and that hereafter, when war shall have ceased, the principles of true brotherhood may at length prevail; that nation make war upon nation no more, and that we may all be united in the grand design of all Masons, to be happy ourselves, and to promote the happiness of others, even amongst all the nations of the earth.

It will be my pleasure from time to time to keep in touch with the progress made by your lodge and as occasion may furnish opportunity I will endeavour to communicate with you from across the sea.

My address, until further notice, will be Major R. H. James, 159th O.S. Battalion, C. E. F., Army Post Office, London, England.

Commending the course of events to the Great Architect of the Universe, believe me, Worshipful Sir and Brethren, Fraternally yours,

(Signed) R. H. JAMES, D.D.G.M.,

Temiscaming District No. 22.

Such was the great message of a great man to his brethren before he left the soil he loved and loves so well.

Coming to the matter of the report, I beg leave to say that harmony prevails throughout the district. Not one cloud, or semblance of a cloud, is on the Masonic horizon. All is well.

The numerical strength is well maintained, and there is the prospect, that when matters, now holding the attention of us all, will have at last reached their normal conditions, this district will from year to year show such a healthy growth as to be the pride of Grand Lodge.

The social side of the Order was well maintained. In this regard I may be permitted to mention that it was especially asked by me, that only such refreshments should be supplied at functions as would at once be inexpensive yet commendable. This request was generally observed although I am compelled to confess that I feel greater restrictions are quite possible, and let me say desirable, in some instances.

Official Visits and Acts.

On October 12th, at the request of, and on the instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, I consecrated Golden Beaver Lodge No.

528, installed its officers, and afterwards dedicated the lodge to Masonry. In these ceremonials I was assisted by a number of eminent Masons of the district, the detail of which I have already communicated to Grand Lodge.

On October 13th, under the same authority as the above, but on account of serious illness at home I delegated my authority of consecration, installation of officers and dedicating of the lodge at Cochrane to R. W. Bro. Haentschel. He performed these functions for me, and afterwards reported that Cochrane Lodge No. 530 had been duly and in accordance with the ancient landmarks, dedicated to Masonry by him on that date.

On April 30th I visited Englehart Lodge U.D., I was accompanied by W. Bros. W. J. Attig and Robt. LeHeup, of Haileybury Lodge. W. Bro. James Paterson and officers conferred the third degree in a most commendable manner. Their books were found in good shape, their appointments are good, their lodge room very comfortable, Their membership was 46 at that date, of which four are on active service. I strongly recommend that these brethren be granted their Warrant at the next communication of Grand Lodge.

On May 3rd I visited Haileybury Lodge No. 485. This is my own lodge, and I would, therefore, like to be extra close in my criticism, but unfortunately I found nothing to criticize W. Bro. McCready, the W. M., and officers conferred the initiatory ceremonies in a faultless manner and received the hearty congratulations of R. W. Bro. Haentschel who accompanied me. The books and appointments are good. The attendance was good. The members have under consideration the erection of a lodge building for masonic purposes.

Temiscaming No. 462, New Liskeard, was visited on the 6th of May. W. Bro. J. H. Brown and officers conferred the first degree. This is the oldest lodge in the district and their appointments are good, as is also their lodge room. I did not have an opportunity to inspect their books but was told

by their Secretary that all was well. The visit here was made more pleasant by the presence of M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master, who paid them a fraternal visit and was accompanied by R. W. Bros. C. W. Haentschel and F. W. Haynes, and J. C. Bartram, the latter from Ottawa, as also a number of P. Ms. and brethren from the district. During the banquet which was tendered the distinguished visitor, the brethren of the lodge presented the M. W. the Grand Master with a paper weight, made out of a piece of native silver. The M. W. the Grand Master gave a most inspiring address.

On the 7th of May I visited Silver Lodge No. 486, Cobalt. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Haentschel and several P. Ms. W. Bro. Todd and officers conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. Their books, appointments and lodge room are all that can be desired. This lodge owns its own building, which is used for Masonic purposes only.

On the 7th of June I again visited this lodge, although not really in an official capacity, but to assist them to welcome and receive the M. W. the Grand Master, who paid them a fraternal visit. The M. W. the Grand Master was accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, of Ottawa, as also by R. W. Bros. Haynes and Haentschel and P. Ms. of the district. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree by the officers of Silver Lodge, and the third degree by the officers of Haileybury Lodge. They were highly complimented by the Grand Master for their close attention to "The Work."

During the banquet which was tendered the distinguished visitor, the brethren of Silver Lodge presented the M. W. with a gavel made from native silver ore and which was suitably engraved. The M. W. the Grand Master endeared himself to his brethren by the inspiring words uttered, and advice given, and his visit will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be there.

On the 11th of May I visited Elk Lake Lodge No. 507, Elk Lake. W. Bro. Chas. Argue and officers conferred the first degree in a very superior manner. This lodge has its membership somewhat scattered. Out of the 77 on the roll 18 were in attendance and 17 are on active service. Their books are in excellent condition, thanks to that indefatigable worker, W. Bro. H. C. Harvey, P. M., Secretary. Their room and appointments are good.

On the 13th of June, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Haentschel, I visited Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins. W. Bro. C. G. Williams and officers conferred the first degree. The work was well done. The attendance was large and the vim and enthusiasm shown augurs well for the future. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

On the 14th of June I visited Porcupine Lodge No. 506. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Haentschel. There was no work. Their lodge is still in its old location, which is, I fear, unfavourable. I would earnestly recommend that their permission granted at last session of Grand Lodge for removal to South Porcupine be continued for another year. They were unable to avail themselves of it the past year owing to financial difficulties. I attach to this report their request for this.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane, was visited by me on the 15th of June. I was here also accompanied by R. W. Bro. Haentschel. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree by W. Bro. Carter and officers. The work was fairly well done. These brethren have suffered greatly on account of the removal of some of their most valued officers and the necessary changes thereby entailed. It is hoped, however, that the future will be brighter for them and that their membership may be more closely retained near there. Their quarters are very comfortable and the prospects for the lodge for the future are good.

I would be remiss in my duty did I not mention the condition of this district in the matter of enlistment. As of May 31st, 1917, the enlistment was as follows:

Temiscaming Lodge No. 462—On active service 33; killed in action 2.

Haileybury Lodge No. 485—On active service 21; killed in action 2.

Silver Lodge No. 486—On active service 32; killed in action 3.

Porcupine Lodge No. 506—On active service 19.

Elk Lake Lodge No. 507—On active service 17; killed in action 2.

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528—On active service 7.

Cochrane Lodge No. 530—On active service 3.

Englehart Lodge U.D.—On active service 4.

This gives an enlistment of 136, of whom nine at least have made the supreme sacrifice. We shall always remember those hero Masons who have gone to do their bit.

Just as I was completing this report, I received a letter from R. W. Bro. Major R. H. James, with the request that, if possible, it should form part of this report. I accordingly have much pleasure in embodying it in my report.

Purfleet, Essex, England,

June 20th, 1917

R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay,

Acting D.D.G.M. Temiscaming District No. 22,
Haileybury, Ontario.

Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.:

Before the first year of the new district passes into history, and is claimed by the realm of memory; and before you relinquish to your successor the duties which you have so well and faithfully performed on my behalf, during a year overshadowed by a great personal sorrow; permit me, through your good office, to extend a word of cordial appreciation to the brethren of the district for the loyal support which they have given you in the

performance of your delegated duties; and also for the many evidences of remembrance which I have received from them from time to time.

I have followed with deep interest the course of Masonic events within the district, as well as in such detail as the available information would admit. In this regard your letters and those of the District Secretary—both always replete with matters of interest—together with the summonses received from the different lodges, have furnished my chief medium of information. They were always very welcome, and accordingly my hearty thanks are now due to yourself, to the District Secretary and to the lodge Secretaries for this additional evidence of thoughtfulness and regard.

Owing to the demands of military duty, opportunities for fraternizing with the brethren in England have not been so frequent as one would wish. I have visited Canada Lodge in London; Atlingworth Lodge in Brighton; Prince Edwin Lodge in Hythe; and Seaforth Lodge. During these visits I have been privileged to see several initiations, nearly all drawn from the military and ranking from a private soldier to a Brigadier General. At all meetings khaki predominated, and every lodge had a well filled honour roll hanging on the wall. On one occasion it was my privilege to be received with the Grand Honours here attaching to my rank. On another, I was personally introduced to the W. M., and by him to the brethren present. On another occasion I was placed next to an Imperial Staff officer of senior rank, who had just returned from China, where he had been for several years. His conversation of that distant land proved both interesting and instructive.

Works of benevolence of extensive and even national importance are undertaken by the fraternity. These include Masonic schools, orphanages, infirmaries and hospitals. I have only been able to visit one hospital so supported. This I found amongst the best equipped and most comfortable in England, and takes care of one hundred and

fifty patients. The source of its support is not generally known, as in such cases the principle seems to be that the right hand must not know what the left doeth.

Worthy of remark is the large number of all ranks in the Canadian army who are members of the craft. Amongst officers there is a large percentage; indeed more than fifty per cent. of the officers of certain units that I know are Masons. One unit can fill every office in the lodge.

Speculation at this time as to the possible duration of the war is useless. Without abatement the war continues to take its terrible tolls daily; and men, more men, are wanted. There are many phases of recent development which give cause for great encouragement, but at the same time they set up a barrier to prophecy. The best sign is that the nation is hopeful, confident and determined, and now with the weight of the United States beginning to be felt on the side of the Allies, nothing will satisfy short of a victorious and lasting peace.

To Masons, as to all well constituted people, new avenues are being opened up to additional and deserving works of charity. Hospitals for the blind; homes for the crippled, relief for the distressed; comforts for the sick and wounded; artificial limbs to replace losses in battle; schools of occupational training for those unable to return to their former work. These and many others must be provided, so that our battle-scarred veterans may be cared for without reproach to the nations they have served so well. Unwavering faith in our cause and in our ability to conquer; confident hope of the future and of better things with it; these must be combined with our works of charity, that greater good may ensue.

Though right still wears a fetter,
Though justice still is blind,
Time beyond is always better
Than the path that's left behind.

And above the sad world's sobbing,
 And the strife of clan with clan;
 We can hear the mighty throbbing
 Of the heart of God in man.

I must express my heartfelt gratitude to you for having so willingly undertaken the work of my district in my absence, and must ask that you will please convey my thanks to the District Secretary for his assistance; likewise to the officers and brethren of the various lodges, who have all found it a pleasure to work with you for the welfare of the district. I trust there will be a good representation of the district at the forthcoming G. L., and I have no doubt that wisdom will direct your deliberations in the choice of a successor.

Finally, it is my sincere wish that the district may grow and prosper; that within it the Masonic structure may be founded on the broad and enduring corner stone of charity; built of the blocks of fidelity; supported by the pillars of strength; and beautified and adorned by truth and wisdom; so that the edifice complete may prove acceptable to the G. A. O. T. U. to whose safe and gracious keeping I commend you all.

R. H. JAMES, Major,

Can. Ry. Troops Depot,

Purfleet, Essex, England.

Before closing this report I want to personally express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the valuable services rendered and assistance given me, by R. W. Bro. Haentschel, P.D.D.G.M., as District Secretary. He was indefatigable, never weary, never wanting in that help which we all at times so much need. He deserves the thanks of this district in particular and Grand Lodge generally for his unswerving devotion to the betterment of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. McAULAY, Acting D.D.G.M.,

Temiscaming District No. 22.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Temiscaming District No. 22, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Mem- bership		Degr's Confi'd		Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet's held			Aver. atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in arre'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance			
			Total	Emergent	Regular	Total	F. A.	F. C.						M. M.														
462	Temiscaming ..	New Liskeard.....	161	20	101	61	8	1	1	27	219	27	413	619	18	65	00	20	85	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	\$2500 00	
485	Haileybury ..	Haileybury ..	152	21	81	11	11	1	1	219	219	514	721	25	234	00	7	84	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1700 00		
486	Silver ..	Cobalt ..	200	8	151	11	11	3	1	2	2	213	12	25	39	150	00	4	15	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	V bright	Yes	7000 00	
506	Porcupine ..	Porcupine ..	121	7	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	112	6	18	14	82	45	9	22	113	00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	1900 00
507	Elk Lake ..	Elk Lake ..	78	6	1	1	1	1	1	5	7	212	1	13	11	82	45	9	43	65	Dec.	27	1916	So'v'nt	he'lthy	Yes	250 00	
528	Golden Beaver ..	Timmins.....	71	6	9	13	14	1	1	2	2	12	10	22	25	75	00	4	20	00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	2500 00	
530	Cochrane ..	Cochrane ..	43	10	9	4	3	1	1	2	2	13	5	18	12	75	00	4	20	00	June	24	1916	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
534	Englehart ..	Englehart ..	50	14	12	9	7	2	1	2	2	13	8	21	18	75	00	4	20	00	Dec.	27	1916	\$87 47	Good	Yes	300 00	

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Oantario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Brant District No. 23, for the first year of its inception. In doing so, permit me to express to the brethren my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour and distinction they conferred upon me in electing me to the honoured and responsible position of the first presiding officer of the new district; and I am exceedingly grateful to those brethren and Past Masters who have at all times, and under all circumstances, so kindly assisted me in my work and accompanied me on my visits; and to the lodges generally for their hearty co-operation I am deeply indebted.

My first official duty, after being installed, was to appoint W. Bro. D. E. Russell, of Reba Lodge No. 515 as District Secretary. His ability and experience gained through a long connection with Masonry enabled him to discharge the various duties of the office with much credit to himself and to the district.

Before reporting in detail my official visits, there are a few points of general interest to which I would refer.

Brant District No. 23, comprising fourteen lodges, was created from parts of Wilson, Hamilton, and Niagara Districts, compact in shape, and easily accessible from any point. Being a new district it was supremely necessary that it should be organized and maintained on sound progressive principles and welded into one harmonious whole, that the lodges comprising it should have no regrets on being severed from the old associations, but should do all in their power to advance its interest and welfare, for, after all, a district with its official heads but reflects the composition of a lodge on a larger scale.

and as the welfare and harmony of a lodge depends on its constituent members, so the welfare and harmony which should characterize a district depends on each lodge doing its part to make that district a success and worthy of the purpose for which it was created. With that object in view my efforts have been largely along that line, and I firmly believe have met with a large measure of success, as every lodge is imbued with the idea of keeping Masonry up to the highest possible standard, and fully appreciates the importance of the duties devolving upon them as component parts of a new district.

I have visited all the lodges officially and have endeavoured to stimulate the desire to render the work in the most impressive manner possible, to keep it uniform throughout the district and to encourage fraternal visiting between lodges from which beneficial results are bound to follow. In all my visits I was accompanied by large delegations; on two occasions numbering fifty, and the presence of visitors was always inspiring and helpful to the lodge visited. I have sought to make my visits more of a fraternal nature than official. and to instruct the brethren rather than to inspect in a carp-ing manner.

The lodges generally are in a healthy condition, the membership is increasing, the lodge rooms are neatly and appropriately furnished, and the officers seem anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible and are grateful for any information or suggestion by which they may improve.

To mark the inauguration of Brant District No. 23, the ruling officers and P. Ms. of all lodges in the district were present, by invitation of Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, my mother lodge, to join with them on September 15th, 1916, in extending a welcome to the D.D.G.M. and presenting the official regalia on behalf of the district. This pleasant function was performed by R. W. Bros. Jas. Ross, of Wilson Lodge, and J. A. Messecar, of Scotland Lodge. It was a most enthusiastic gathering and augured well for the future success of the district.

Lodge of Instruction.

On Good Friday, April 6th, 1917, a Lodge of Instruction was held at Brantford, under the auspices of Ozias Lodge No. 508, at which there was a very large attendance from the whole district, as well as many outside visitors. A most inspiring feature of the occasion was the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope who delivered an instructive address which was highly appreciated by everyone. The first degree was exemplified by Hiram Lodge No. 319, the second by St. George Lodge No. 243, and the third by Wilson Lodge No. 113. The work was splendidly done and many words of well deserved praise were given by those present to the officers of the several lodges. The brethren were entertained at dinner and addresses by a number of brethren concluded a most profitable and satisfactory meeting.

Official Visits.

Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, October 6th, 1916. This lodge is the baby lodge of the district but is rapidly shedding its infant's garb. The attendance was good and the work of the evening consisted in opening and closing in the third degree, which was done with good effect. The lodge affairs are in good condition and prospects are bright.

Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Oct. 30th, 1916. I was accompanied on this occasion by forty brethren from Brantford. Owing to the large attendance the third degree could not be worked as intended, but the officers opened and closed in the several degrees by which their efficiency was splendidly shown. R. W. Bro. J. A. Messecar, P.D.D.G. M., has the work of the Secretary well in hand and his books are most neatly kept.

Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Nov. 8th, 1916. There was a large attendance of brethren present representing many lodges in the district, about fifty accompanying me from Brantford. The officers exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner, and were highly commended for their

splendid work. The report of the Secretary showed the affairs of the lodge to be in good condition and finances were well looked after. A significant feature of this lodge is that no members are in arrears for dues—a record to be proud of.

Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford. During my term of office I had the pleasure of being the guest of Brant Lodge three times. On November 14th, when Doric Lodge No. 121 paid a fraternal visit and exemplified the first degree, I accompanied them, and R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt gave a most interesting address at the banquet which followed. On March 13th I paid my official visit and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, D. G.M., and a number of P. Ms. The officers of Brant Lodge, under the direction of W. Bro. A. E. Day, W. M., conferred the first degree on a candidate with musical ritual in an admirable manner. The books of the Secretary I found in good shape and reflect credit on the officer. Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton, paid a fraternal visit to Brant Lodge on this date and presented a pageant of flags of the allied nations which was very instructive and unique. The attendance numbered 300. On June 25th, assisted by a large number of P. Ms., I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge, and of presenting the retiring Master, W. Bro. A. E. Day, with a beautiful P, M's. jewel on behalf of his brethren.

Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford, Nov. 21st, 1916. I was the guest of this lodge on the occasion of a fraternal visit of Reba Lodge No. 515. The first degree was instructively exemplified on a particularly bright candidate, and the visit did much to arouse enthusiasm among the members of these young lodges.

St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Nov. 22nd, 1916. I visited this lodge officially and was accompanied by the customary quota of Brantford brethren. In the unavoidable absence of a candidate for passing, the officers exemplified the opening and closing in the several degrees, and examination of a candidate in the first degree. The work

done was most praiseworthy, the J. W. proving himself an expert. The prospect of the lodge is good.

On Dec. 27th, 1916. Assisted by fifteen Past Masters, I installed the officers of Doric Lodge No. 121, Ozias Lodge No. 508, and Reba Lodge No. 515 at a joint meeting. It was a most notable meeting, with an attendance of 250 members.

Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden. On Dec. 29th, 1916, I visited this lodge officially and, assisted by a number of P. Ms. who accompanied me, installed the officers. The lodge affairs were found in good condition with bright prospects before it. The ladies took part in a banquet which followed and lent much success to the event.

Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, Jan. 3rd, 1917. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge and installing its officers on this date. I was ably assisted by a number of staunch P. Ms. I was warmly welcomed and spent a very enjoyable evening. To R. W. Bro. W. F. Miles much is due for the success of Burford Lodge, and the prospects are good for splendid support from that lodge in matters pertaining to the district.

St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Feb. 13th, 1917 I paid my official visit on this date and received a hearty welcome. The W. M. and his officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. The attendance was fair and the lodge is in a healthy condition. R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, P.D.D. G.M., and V. W. Bro. Frank Smoke, by their presence, added much to the success of the gathering.

Reba Lodge No. 515 and Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford, March 9th, 1917. I paid my official visit to both these lodges on this date when Ozias Lodge were the guests of Reba Lodge. The officers of each lodge exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner, both teams deserving the highest commendation. The affairs of these lodges are bright for the growth in numbers and Masonic knowledge.

Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, April 20th, 1917. This being my mother lodge, I have had ample opportunity of seeing the regular officers do their work throughout the year and always in a creditable manner. On this occasion I paid my official visit and received an especially cordial welcome. A conspicuous feature of the gathering was the large number of P. Ms. assembled to assist in the greetings of the lodge. The first degree was conferred by the officers, with musical ritual, in a most impressive manner, the Master being assisted by several P. Ms. in his work. The attendance was large and the affairs of the lodge in sound condition. Ten per cent. of the membership have enlisted for overseas service.

St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, May 10th, 1917. Accompanied by the District Secretary I paid my official visit to this, the oldest lodge in the district, on this date. This lodge had the misfortune to suffer the loss by fire on the night of April 5th, when the Masonic block was in flames, and owing to delay in having insurance adjusted had not started to refurnish their quarters, so the meeting was held under difficulties. The attendance was small but a good spirit exists, and, I believe, this lodge will now enter into the affairs of this district with fresh energy.

Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, May 17th, 1917. A motor party of fifty Masons accompanied me to Hagersville on my official visit to this lodge. The local attendance was splendid. No work was put on as Hiram Lodge exemplified the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction on April 6th to the entire satisfaction of that gathering. This lodge has suffered by suspensions and withdrawals but the affairs are in capable hands and I look for a revival of enthusiasm among the members and prosperity again to be their lot.

King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, June 1st, 1917. I visited this lodge on this date accompanied by the District Secretary. There was a good attendance of members and visitors particularly from Hagersville. The second degree was conferred by

the officers in a very efficient manner. The prospects for an increase in membership are bright, and lodge affairs were in sound condition. R. W. Bro. Jacques and other Wor. brethren added distinctly to the pleasure of the visit.

On June 2nd, 1917, I had the pleasure of representing Brant District No. 23 at a meeting of Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, and witnessing the ceremony of installation of their officers, which was conducted by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, for the twenty-third time. At a banquet which followed, addresses were given by many prominent members of the craft and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On the occasion of all my visits, official or otherwise, the reception accorded me has been most hospitable, and I desire to express my most hearty appreciation of the same. In the report of my several visits I have not made reference to the social side of Masonry. On each occasion the guests were royally treated at the banquet table, the addresses given were of a high character and usually treated of Masonic symbolism—its teachings and application. I have endeavoured to organize the district on a sure foundation, and with the hearty co-operation of the lodges, my successors in office should be enabled to satisfy the Grand Lodge that their action in creating Brant District No. 23 has been fully justified.

The year just closed, though strenuous, was full of pleasure and profit, and I bespeak for my successor the same cordial assistance as was extended to me, that Masonry in Brant District may continue to lighten the pathway of the human race.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. C. SPENCE, D.D.G.M.,

Brant District No. 23.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
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			Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total										
35	St. John's	Cayuga	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	18	125 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 100 00		
45	Brant	Brantford	355	21	30	27	22	6	11	12	23	65	175	00	37	275 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	5000 00			
82	St. John's	Paris	117	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
106	Brantford	Brantford	81	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	3	13	10	20	240 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	650 00	
113	Wilson	Waterford	155	1	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	11	4	15	33	62	277 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	5000 00	
121	Doric	Brantford	313	20	28	22	20	2	2	12	15	27	50	372	60	72	277 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
193	Scotland	Scotland	77	1	1	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	11	35	12	31 50	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
243	St. George	St. George	77	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	12	12	8	69 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	87	19	2	2	4	1	1	4	16	15	21	5	16	15	21	81 00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00	
329	K. g. Solomon	Jarvis	61	4	2	2	4	1	1	3	4	12	2	13	22	100 00	Dec.	27	1916	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00			
505	Lynden	Lynden	68	8	7	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	19	60 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	350 00		
508	Ozias	Brantford	57	11	3	9	7	4	1	1	1	1	11	10	21	33	30 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
515	Reba	Brantford	117	39	1	36	31	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	11	15	5 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00	
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	50	5	5	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	11	15	5 00	Dec.	27	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have very much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry and work in Bruce District No. 24 during the past year.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honour and distinction bestowed upon me in electing me to this high and important office, and for the many courtesies received at their hands; especially am I thankful to those who have so kindly assisted me in my work and accompanied me on my visits. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren and of the responsibility of the office. My task has been made easy and pleasant by the uniform kindness and co-operation extended me throughout the district.

I am glad to report harmony and progress throughout the whole district. I have not been called on to settle any differences during my term of office. The work witnessed in the different lodges is of a uniform and generally high character. In a few cases, well known to the lodges themselves, a better attendance of the officers and a rehearsal or two would make all the improvement anyone could desire. The Worshipful Masters and officers generally are enthusiastic and anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible in accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, capable of managing their respective lodges with skill and ability, men of strong personality, willing to learn, eager to serve, and impressed with the responsibility of their positions. The members generally are taking active part in the business and general work of the lodge. The quality of membership added during the year appears to be excellent, and the prospects most encouraging.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I had the pleasure of dedicating Moravian Lodge

No. 431, Cargill, on May 17th, assisted by R. W. Bros. W. J. Loughleen, as D.G.M. and Bro. Ryan, as G. D. of C.; W. Bro. McBurney, as G. S. W.; W. Bro. Shannon as G. J. W.; W. Bro. Rev. C. Diehl, as G. Chap.; W. Bro. Houston, as G. Arch't.; W. Bro. Barnett, as G. Sec.; W. Bro. Bremner, as G. Treas.; W. Bro. McLachlan, as G. Purso't.; and a number of Past Masters from a number of lodges in the district.

This being a newly formed district, and not getting things going well till late in the year, I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction as I had intended to do, but did visit all the lodges and some on two occasions.

List of lodges visited in District No. 24:—Cedar Lodge No. 396, Wiarton; Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth; Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara; Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley; Hanover Lodge No. 432, Hanover; Harriston Lodge No. 262, Harriston; Clifford Lodge No. 315, Clifford; Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton; Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill; Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley; Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin; St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton.

Due observance is given to the social side of the craft in Bruce District No. 24, and the banquets were in all cases excellent. Many of the lodges have the ladies attend these functions, which is the proper spirit for Masons. The addresses and speeches were of a very high order and true patriotism was voiced on all occasions.

In conclusion, I desire to say that when I entered upon my duties I realized my responsibility and it has been my earnest endeavour to fill the position to the best of my ability.

I have had much pleasure and profit from the association with the brethren throughout the district and I sincerely trust my successor in office will receive from the brethren the same warm welcome as was tendered to me on all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

A. P. JOHNSTON, D.D.G.M.,

Bruce District No. 24.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Shewing the Work Done in Bruce District No. 24 from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degr's Confr'd		Meet's held										Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent									Total	Aver. atten'ce of members
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	10	3	13	25	36 70	2	16 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	\$1,500 00	
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	16	25	20 00	21	119 25	Dec.	1916	Fair	Yes	500 00	
235	Aldworth	Paisley	100	5	9	8	8	1	1	1	1	3	12	2	14	23	60 00	9	27 50	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	300 00	
262	Harriston	Harriston	97	3	8	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	22	60 00	9	27 50	June	1917	Good	Yes	600 00	
315	Clifford	Clifford	53	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	4	16	20	10 00	5	15 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	58	5	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	3	12	2	14	18	10 00	12	57 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes
393	Forest	Chesley	81	11	9	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	20	17	5 00	24	76 00	Dec.	1916	\$325 00	Good	Yes	500 00
396	Cedar	Winston	130	2	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	11	13	24 00	21	30 00	June	1917	Good	Yes	800 00	
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	55	5	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	16	20 00	5	30 00	Dec.	1916	\$150 00	Fair	Yes	350 00
431	Moravian	Cargill	57	5	5	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	13	10 00	10	24 50	Dec.	1916	Fair	Yes	500 00	
432	Hanover	Hanover	71	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	4	11	18	25 00	21	41 00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Yes	500 00	
436	Burns	Hepworth	30	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	11	10	10 00	2	27 00	Dec.	1916	Good	Yes	400 00	

GREY DISTRICT No. 25.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval a brief report of the 25th Masonic District for the past year.

Permit me to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by electing me unanimously to the responsible position of D.D.G.M. of this young and progressive district, and also for the many kindnesses shown me by the officers and members of every lodge in the district, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table. Shortly after my election I issued a circular letter to the lodges and appointed W. Bro. R. E. Mortimer, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Caldwell, District Chaplain. Both these officers have faithfully and willingly performed all the duties assigned them. I regret that I was unable to make arrangements for a Lodge of Instruction owing to the difficulty of securing ample lodge room accommodation and also to the lack of funds to meet expenses incident thereto. In my report I shall not refer particularly to the banquets given me, only to state that in every instance a most enjoyable time was spent and the best of goodfellowship prevailed.

The social side of Masonry is liable to be somewhat neglected in our lodges. I do not refer altogether to the serving of refreshments after labour, but to those social functions which might do so much to brighten the lives and widen the views of the members. By the proper use of all the advantages obtainable in a Masonic lodge, Masons in every locality should have the opportunity of leading in every good work and of being the centre of every movement for the advancement of the community. Every lodge in the district has members who are showing their loyalty to their King and country by serving at the front. On every occas-

sion I urged that our charity be exercised abundantly towards those brethren who may be permitted to return home unfitted to resume their regular occupations.

The condition of Masonry throughout this district is exceedingly bright. There has been an increase of membership and the new material is promising. Peace and harmony prevails in every lodge and with the exception of one, all are in good financial standing. The work witnessed in the different lodges was of a uniform and high order. In a few cases a rehearsal or two and a division of the work, so as to retain the active sympathies and assistance of the P. Ms., would make all the improvements anyone could desire. Generally speaking, the Secretaries are performing their duties in an excellent manner. Their books are well and neatly kept.

Official Visits.

Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham. I visited this lodge on February 12th. There was only a fair attendance. In the absence of W. Bro. Willis, W. M., who is serving his country in the trenches, the chair was occupied by W. Bro. Hay, I.P.M., who with his officers exemplified a third degree in a very creditable manner. As the candidate on this occasion was my brother, I was asked to assist in conferring the degree, which I very gladly did.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. On April 6th I visited this progressive lodge. There was a good attendance. The second degree was conferred on a splendid candidate who drove over twelve miles of bad roads in order not to disappoint the W. M. This lodge has a splendid staff of officers capably directed by W. Bro. Henry.

I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Blakely, P.D.D.G.M., of Georgina District No. 9a, and was much encouraged by his kindly words. W. Bro. Blackburn, Acting Secretary, devotes considerable time to the details of his office and, needless to say, has a model set of books.

St. George's Lodge No. 88 and North Star Lodge No. 322, Owen Sound. were visited by me

on April 11th at a joint meeting called for my convenience. I was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic gathering. After regular business had been transacted, W. Bro. K. C. McKay, W. M. of St. George's Lodge, assisted by competent officers, initiated a promising candidate in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The chairs were then taken by the officers of North Star Lodge and under the direction of W. Bro. C. T. Sutherland, W. M., the ceremony of a third degree was impressively rendered. Both these lodges are most happily situated. The junior officers give promise of becoming efficient leaders of the craft. The members evince a lively interest in their respective lodges of which they have every reason to be proud.

Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville. I visited this lodge officially on May 1st. The second degree was conferred on a proficient candidate. Disagreeable weather conditions did not prevent a splendid gathering of members and visitors. W. Bro. Scott, W. M., is to be congratulated on having the assistance of so many enthusiastic P. Ms. The lodge books are well kept by Bro. Annis, who is a willing worker for the fraternity. A feature of the evening was an interesting address by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District No. 7, who has been on active service for the past year.

Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin. Having a special interest in this lodge from the fact that it was my mother lodge, I visited together with a number of the brethren from Lorne Lodge in September, 1916, and again officially on May 3rd. At the September meeting no work was done but an hour was pleasantly spent discussing plans for a revival of Masonry in this lodge. My official visit occurred on Past Masters' night and all the chairs were filled by P. Ms. R. W. Bro. Wm. Conboy, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District No. 7, acting as W. M. A first and second degree were conferred on two very promising candidates. Special mention might be made of the interest taken in Masonry by R. W. Bro. Conboy, W. Bros. Leitch and Overland. This lodge has been severely handicapped

by the illness of the W. M. and also by the absence of so many of the members on active service.

Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne. My home lodge, visited officially on May 4th. It was intended to exemplify the first degree only, but owing to urgent circumstances the second degree was also worked. This lodge is forging ahead rapidly and a splendid lot of junior officers are being prepared for advancement. The books are well kept by the Secretary and dues are kept well paid up. The outlook for Masonry in this lodge is very bright.

Dundalk Lodge No. 449, Dundalk. By invitation of the W. M., I deferred my visit to May 14th when a second degree was conferred. This lodge was not active during the earlier part of the year, but is now doing good work under W. Bro. Mc Murchy and an excellent staff of officers. Good feeling prevails and I expect a revival of Masonry in Dundalk Lodge.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 200, Mt. Forest. I visited this lodge on June 1st. Owing to the train being late, routine business had been transacted. There being no regular work, the W. M., to demonstrate that he and his officers not only knew the work but were capable of conferring it, exemplified a first degree on a member of the lodge. This was the best E. A. degree it has ever been my pleasure to witness. The excellence of the work speaks well, not only for W. Bro. Galbraith and every one of his officers, but also for the P. Ms., one of whom, W. Bro. Ireland, gave the Charity lecture in a most impressive manner. Although this lodge has done little work during the past year, I feel sure that with such capable officers much service will be rendered ere long.

Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley. On the occasion of my visit to this lodge on June 4th, I was accompanied by a large representation from Lorne Lodge No. 377. There was also a number from Harris Lodge No. 216. The E. A. degree was worked by W. Bro. Menary on a well qualified candidate. This lodge is doing good work and has

the active assistance of some able P. Ms., whose devotion to the principles of Masonry are well known.

Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale. I paid my official visit to this lodge on June 5th. The work of the evening was an initiation, the candidate being the son of the W. M., W. Bro. Caesar. The work was performed in a fair manner and due allowance must be made because of the advanced age of the W. M. The work of the S. W. and J. W. was very good, and these brethren give promise of more than average ability. Credit is due to W. Bros. Ennis and Gilfillan for their efforts to keep up the spirit of Masonry here. The lodge membership is small and somewhat scattered, which adds to their difficulties. I hope that with all the brethren working harmoniously that good results will be attained.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 334, Arthur. I paid my official visit to this lodge on June 12th. There being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. Langdon, opened and closed the lodge in the third degree and some time was profitably spent in connection with different features of the work. A feature worth noting is the fact that twenty per cent. of the entire membership of this lodge is in the King's uniform and every member present on the evening of my visit was represented at the front.

In concluding this report, I desire to say that I entered upon my duties fully realizing my responsibilities and I have endeavoured to fill the position to the best of my ability. The year has been a most pleasant one for me and I lay down my office with regret. My thanks are also due to R. W. Bros. David Rutherford, of Owen Sound, and Thos. Blakely, of Flesherton, for their assistance, and also to the brethren of my lodge who accompanied me on my visits and helped to make them enjoyable.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. MILLS, D.D.G.M.,

Grey District No. 25.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Shewing the Work Done in Grey District No. 25, from June 24th, 1916, to June 24th, 1917.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Men- bership		Degr's Conf'd		Meet's held										Amount paid for relief	No. mem. 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all such arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees?	Insurance					
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergency									Total	Aver. atten'ce of members			
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	188	6	6	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	13	7	20	20	40	00	14	90	00	Dec	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
200	St. Albans	Mt. Forest	82	9	9	7	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	11	20	50	00	5	125	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
216	Harris	Orangeville	169	8	8	7	8	9	1	1	3	1	11	10	1	15	26	50	00	1	6	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
271	Wellington	Erin	59	10	10	6	6	6	2	4	2	2	11	11	1	14	70	00	8	52	00	Dec.	1916	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00		
306	Durham	Durham	67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	2	15	20	21	50	7	52	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
322	North Star	Owen Sound	204	13	13	10	11	10	3	1	1	1	3	11	2	17	25	105	00	11	71	50	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	76	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	2	1	10	4	14	15	25	00	3	28	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Fair	No	400 00		
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	64	2	2	5	6	5	1	1	3	1	11	4	15	17	3	19	00	8	19	00	Jan.	1917	Bright	Bright	Yes	500 00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	84	6	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	3	6	3	9	10	15	00	15	74	00	Jan.	1917	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	90	2	2	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	15	15	00	3	30	00	Dec.	1916	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	60	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	3	13	10	6	10	00	6	10	00	June	1917	Poor	Fair	Part	500 00
490	Hiram	Markdale	52	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	2	13	10	6	10	00	6	10	00	June	1917	Fair	Fair	Part	500 00

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee having examined the various books and records presented to them by lodges under dispensation recommends that warrants be granted to the following:

Englehart No. 534, Englehart.

Phoenix No. 535, Fonthill.

Algonquin No. 536, Coppercliff.

Ulster No. 537, Toronto.

And that the dispensations granted to Kitchener Lodge, Port McNicoll and Waterloo Lodge, Waterloo, be continued for another year.

Your Committee begs leave to again draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the desirability of having the minutes of Masonic lodges kept and preserved in as permanent a manner as possible.

Each year for several years we have had presented to us the minutes of one or more lodges under dispensation typewritten in a loose-leaf minute book. These came from new city lodges with well skilled Secretaries and were exceedingly well kept. Although we preferred that lodge minutes be kept in bound books we could not discover any ruling of Grand Lodge to say that the minutes of a lodge must be kept in a bound book, so we passed the minute books as presented and recommended the granting of the warrants.

Your Committee feels that the records of a Masonic lodge are important items, not only of our Masonic history, but also of our national history, and that every care should be exercised in transcribing them in as permanent a manner as possible. We do not consider the loose leaf system of minute books is of a sufficiently permanent character so as to constitute a satisfactory record, and as the Board of General Purposes has now ruled that the minutes of every Masonic lodge must be kept in a bound book we therefore recommend that lodges now using the loose leaf system of minute books be instructed to procure bound books in

which the minutes of all lodge meetings must be transcribed, and that the District Deputy Grand Masters in the several Masonic districts be instructed to insist upon this ruling being complied with.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, begs leave to report that after examining the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, we have much pleasure in certifying that we have found them correct and very well kept.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts

Total Revenue to May 31, 1917.....	\$65,799 72
Debentures matured and paid in.....	12,524 72
Total.....	<u>\$78,324 44</u>

Expenditure

General Expenses.....	\$19,944 70
Benevolent Grants.....	31,510 00
War Loans and other Debentures Purchased.....	15,133 83
	<u>\$66,588 53</u>
Credit Balance.....	\$11,735 91
Debit Balance from last year paid.....	7,400 37
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	<u>\$ 4,335 54</u>

The funds of the Grand Lodge amounting to \$109,622.33 and the Semi-Centennial Funds amounting to \$102,968.52 are invested in securities as per list in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

The sums paid out by Grand Lodge for benevolence during the year were as follows:—

From General Fund.....	\$31,510 00
From Semi-Centennial Fund.....	4,975 00
	\$36,485 00

The year's operations show a credit balance of \$14,345.02. Out of this amount \$2,609.11 were invested to the credit of Capital Account, leaving a balance of \$11,735.91. From this the deficit of previous years, \$7,400.37, has been paid off, leaving a balance in the Bank of \$4,335.54. In addition there is in the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of \$109.00 to the credit of the incidental expense account. It is recommended that before closing the books each year this latter credit, if any, be deposited to the credit of the General Account.

For the first six months of the past year the dues were at the rate of 50 cents per annum and for the remainder of the year at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, making a contribution of 75 cents per capita from the constituent lodges. Next year's report will show the full assessment of \$1.00 and will mean a considerable increase in the revenue of Grand Lodge. As yet there has been no abnormal demand for the benefit of brethren disabled in the European war or of the dependents of brethren who have fallen in battle. The time will come when such a demand will arise and this Committee recommends that the accumulated surplus be invested in war bonds or other liquid securities so that relief may be provided in case of need.

It is recommended that the request of the Auditor for an increase of \$100.00 per year, making his yearly salary \$400.00, be granted.

It is recommended that the sum of \$86.00 received during the year as contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund together with 95 cents accrued bank interest, and any other sums that may hereafter be received for this purpose, be handed over to the authorized representatives of the Belgian Relief Fund in Canada.

An examination of the books shows that, in a great many cases, remittances sent by Secretaries of lodges to the Grand Secretary, do not include exchange on their cheques. This involves a very considerable expense for that purpose.

We believe that remittances to the Grand Lodge should be payable at par in Hamilton and recommend that the Grand Secretary include a notification to that effect in all his notices to the lodges.

Your Committee have had placed before them the bond of the Grand Secretary in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co. for the sum of \$5,000, which is in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer. It is recommended that the Grand Master renew the said bond on its maturity, and that the premium be paid by Grand Lodge.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1918.

Receipts--

Fees—Registration of Initiations	\$11,000 00
Fees—Registration of Affiliations	350 00
Dues	60,000 00
Certificates	150 00
Constitutions and Ceremonies	1,200 00
Dispensations	500 00
Commutation of Dues	1,500 00
Warrants	50 00
Miscellaneous	800 00
Interest on Investments	5,250 00
	\$80,800 00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund	4,900 00
	\$85,700 00

Expenditures—

Salary of Grand Treasurer	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	3,000 00
Salary of Auditor	400 00
Salaries of Staff	3,500 00
Superannuation allowance to former Clerk	800 00
Printing and Stationery	3,500 00
Special Printing	2,000 00
Incidental Expenses Grand Secretary's Office	800 00
Certificates and Warrants	2,000 00
Insurance	90 00
Safety Deposit Box Rental	40 00
Office Rent and Heating	1,000 00
Telephone Service	60 00
Postage and Proceedings	200 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Belleville	1,300 00
Expenses of Commissions and Delegations	50 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1,000 00
Extra Expenses consequent on General Triennial Inspection	300 00
Allowance for Expenses of Grand Master	800 00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Postage of D.G.M. and Chairman of Committees	40 00
Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence	250 00
Masonic Relief Association, Two Years	600 00
Miscellaneous	300 00
	\$22,330 00
Grant for Benevolence	36,340 00
Total Expenditure on General Account	\$58,670 00
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund	4,500 00
	\$63,170 00

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R.W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:—

Since the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made interim grants to applicants amounting to the sum of \$2,220.00, the sum of \$1,680.00 from the General Fund, and the sum of \$540.00 from the surplus interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Additional grants have been made from the interest on the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund amounting to the sum of \$810.00.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

469 applications were received and disposed of as follows:—

221 granted through local boards amounting to.....	\$16,960 00
246 granted through lodges amounting to.....	\$19,480 00
2 applications were declined.	

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:—

Miss Mary Wilson.....	\$ 300 00
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75 00
	\$ 375 00

Total amount of grants from the General Fund....	\$36,515 00
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Total amount of interim grants from the General Fund.....	1,680 00
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Interim grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	540 00
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Additional grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	810 00
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Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication.....	4,550 00
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Total.....	\$45,070 00
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The grants made by the lodges during the year as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. amount to about \$17,000.00.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following local boards of relief and the lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received by the Grand Secretary, showing the disposal of last year's grants, namely:—Lodges 48, 128, 162, 216, 219, 220, 230, 255, 272, 295, 303, 312, 405, 408, 433, and 482.

Your Board, through this Committee, recommends that the report of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants be printed as an appendix to this report.

As a general inspection of the grants will be made this year, your Board through this Committee, recommends that the Inspector of Benevolent Grants be allowed \$300.00 for his expenses in making such inspection.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. MACFADDEN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

S. A. Luke, Esq.

Grand Master.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent grants for the year 1916.

There were 447 applications considered by the Committee, 217 from Local Boards and 230 from private lodges 320 were for widows, 99 for brethren, 21 for orphans, 4 for wives, 1 for a sister, 1 for a mother and 1 for a father.

The 217 applications from local boards were disposed of as follows:—

2 widows received grants for \$20 each, 5 widows \$30 each, 17 widows \$40 each, 20 widows \$50 each, 66 widows \$60 each, 25 widows \$80 each, 22 widows \$100 each, 5 were rejected, 1 died. 15 brethren received grants for \$150 each, 12 brethren \$100 each, 5 brethren \$60 each, 1 brother \$50, 2 were reduced from \$150 to \$75, 1 was reduced from \$60 to \$30, 1 was rejected. 3 orphans received grants for \$40

each, 4 orphans \$50 each, 2 orphans \$60 each, 1 orphan \$80, 1 orphan \$100, 2 were rejected, 1 sister received \$60, 1 mother received \$60. 1 wife received \$80 1 father rejected.

The 230 applications from private lodges were disposed of as follows:—

2 widows received grants of \$20 each, 1 widow \$30, 11 widows \$40 each, 21 widows \$50 each, 57 widows \$60 each, 1 widow \$70, 21 widows \$80 each, 32 widows \$100 each, 1 reduced from \$80 to \$40, 8 were rejected, 1 got married, 1 died. 3 brethren received grants for \$50 each, 7 brethren \$60 each, 2 brethren \$80 each, 25 brethren \$100 each, 15 brethren \$150 each, 2 reduced from \$150 to \$75, 8 were rejected. 1 orphan received \$40, 1 orphan received \$50, 4 orphans received \$60 each, 1 orphan received \$80, 1 orphan received \$100, 1 wife received \$50 1 wife received \$60, 1 wife received \$80.

320 applications were made for widows, of whom 304 received grants, 13 were rejected, 2 died and 1 got married.

99 applications were made for brethren, 90 received grants and 9 were rejected. 21 applications were made for orphans, 19 received grants and 2 were rejected. 4 wives 1 mother and 1 sister received grants. 1 application for a father was rejected.

In addition to the above, grants were made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial Fund as follows:—

12 widows \$20 each, 9 widows \$40 each, 15 widows \$50 each, 1 widow \$60. 12 brethren \$50 each, 1 brother \$80, 11 brethren \$100 each, 3 brethren \$150 each, 3 orphans \$20 each, 1 sister \$40, 1 wife \$40, and 1 mother \$40.

The applications include 127 who are over 70 years of age, 41 are between 70 and 75, 38 are between 76 and 80, 26 are between 81 and 85, 19 are between 86 and 90, and 3 are over 90.

I regret to report that owing to the neglect or carelessness of some of the W. Ms. and Secretaries many of our widows and stricken brethren, who are in every respect worthy of relief, have been compelled to wait for months before they could receive the relief so urgently needed.

In cases where applications have not been properly made or where the necessary returns have not been sent to the office of the Grand Secretary, the cheques are withheld until the regulations are complied with and although requested by letter and in some cases by wire to send the necessary information the requests have been ignored. In one case, although the W. M. and Secretary were both written to more than once, no reply was received and, finally, I was reluctantly compelled to recommend that the grant be cancelled.

The disbursement of Forty Thousand Dollars has again demonstrated the good work done by your committee on benevolence, but one has to come into close contact with the work itself in order to fully realize how much real, practical good is accomplished. The relief, as the result of the financial assistance afforded, is something that must be seen in order to understand what it means but the financial assistance in itself is only part of the good which our benevolence does. That our people who need our help know they are remembered, that they feel there is a power behind them that will protect them in their need, that they realize they are a part of a great institution that will never forsake them as long as their need exists; these facts inspire a confidence which enables them in many cases to overcome what appear to be insurmountable difficulties and in other cases to bear with patience and fortitude the trouble and affliction to which they are subjected.

A brother, who for upwards of twenty years had been a confirmed invalid, and who during the greater part of the time has suffered great pain, said: "I wish you could convey to the brethren my grateful appreciation, not only for the financial aid that they have afforded me during these years, but more particularly for the sympathy and brotherly kindness of which the financial aid is only the outward demonstration." I feel assured that our sentiments are expressed in the following lines:

The bread that bringeth strength we want to give;
 That water pure that bids the thirsty live;
 We want to help the fainting day by day,
 Beauty for ashes may we give away;
 We want to give the oil of joy for tears,
 The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NIXON.

Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Harcourt, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:—

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report as follows:—

Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt vs. Bro. William Edward Wilson, alias Paul E. Guay. The accused was married at the City of Lynn, in the State of Massachusetts in June,

1905. He went through the form of marriage with one Gertrude Aiken (not his wife) at the City of Galt on the 3rd of September, 1913, was tried before His Honour Judge McBeth, at London, for bigamy, on the 16th of April, 1916, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary. He was then summoned to appear before his lodge on the 24th of April, 1917, was duly served with proper notice and represented by Bro. John G. Turnbull, to whom he wrote a letter from Kingston on the 17th of June, 1916, instructing him to plead guilty on his behalf. The lodge, on the 25th of July, 1916, found him guilty of the charge, suspended him indefinitely and recommended that he be expelled. The accused put in an appearance at the office of the Grand Secretary at Hamilton on the 11th inst., when the Chairman of this Committee was present. In presence of the Chairman and the Grand Secretary he admitted his guilt, stated what he supposed to be extenuating circumstances, and asked for clemency. He wishes to be in a position to apply to be reinstated after he has made reparation.

Subsequent inquiries lead the Committee to the conclusion that his former statements are not to be relied on, and we therefore recommend that he be expelled.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester, vs. W. Bro. Harry Cain. This brother was tried by his lodge for embezzling Patriotic funds and for seducing his sister-in-law, found guilty by a unanimous vote of the lodge and recommended for expulsion. It would appear from the evidence that he was tried at the Assizes at London in June last, found guilty and allowed out on suspended sentence, but no copy of the court proceedings is amongst the papers. The evidence as regards the second charge is hearsay. The defendant, who now resides in Detroit, did not attend the trial personally, but wrote a letter not denying the charges but finding fault with what he calls the unmasonic conduct of the members of the lodge.

The Committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at its meeting in July next why he should not be expelled from the craft for said offences.

Doric Lodge No. 316, Toronto, vs. S. Anderson. This case has been up before Grand Lodge before. See G. L. Proceedings 1916, page 350, and eventually referred to a committee consisting of Right Worshipful Bros. E. B. Brown E. J. B. Duncan and George H. Smith. The commissioners heard the case and their report bearing date the 30th of November, 1916, is among the papers, agreeing with the judgment of the court of law which found the defendant guilty of the charge.

No recommendation is made in the report. This Committee under the circumstances recommend that the defendant be expelled.

Re Guelph Lodge No. 258. The Committee recommend that this lodge be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual communication and produce all their records.

Re Thistle Lodge No. 32; Re Beaver Lodge No. 83. The Committee recommend that these two lodges be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual communication and produce all records in their possession.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. W. HARCOURT.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 12.40 o'clock p.m., to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.30 o'clock, P. M. M.W. Bro. S. A. Luke Grand Master on the throne; Grand officers, members and representatives present.

TWO HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVIVAL OF MASONRY IN ENGLAND.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that, following up the suggestion contained in his address to Grand Lodge last year, he had requested M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed to prepare a paper on the subject, which he now requested him to read.

M. W. Bro. Freed then presented the following paper:

THE MOTHER GRAND LODGE.

By M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed.

Freemasonry existed in England at the end of the fourteenth century. How long it existed before that time we may guess, but we do not know. For the purposes of the present paper I shall not attempt to guess, but shall

content myself with repeating that we know it was in existence at the end of the fourteenth century. And then it professed to be, and certainly was, very old.

It was a society or guild of operative Masons. Originally formed by voluntary association of artisans for mutual benefit, it was afterwards taken under royal protection, and was granted many privileges, such as immunity from the Statutes of Labourers. On the other hand, it was subjected to supervision by sheriffs and other royal officials, who were required to be present at general assemblies of all the guilds and to take a leading part in framing the rules and regulations for their government. In no essential particular did the societies of Masons differ from those of other guilds; it was a trade society and nothing else. It is true enough that men not operative Masons, and men not in any way connected with the building trades, were members of the guilds of Masons, and of all the guilds. But that fact is easily accounted for.

In the first place, as has been said, the sheriffs, city officials and other government and municipal officers were required to be present at the general assemblies of the Masons, as well as at those of other guilds, and it is not improbable that they, or some of them, were enrolled among the members.

In the next place, the employers of Masons, or the "lords," as they are called, and the architects, would desire to keep in touch with the workmen, and the workmen would be quite willing to have their countenance and protection.

The greater part of the buildings erected in those days were churches, cathedrals, abbeys and other ecclesiastical edifices, and the ecclesiastical "lords" then as now, desired to know what the members of the secret societies were doing. The Masons, for their part, were quite willing to have their spiritual pastors and masters among their membership, and to benefit by the protection that membership gave them against the crown and the barons.

But there was another and more effective cause for the acceptance into Masonic bodies of men not operative Masons. All persons engaged in mercantile business, or practicing any industry or mystery, were required by law to form themselves into guilds or companies. Where, in any town, the weaker trades were unable to maintain sodalities for each, several of them united to form one guild, and, where very few were engaged in a calling, they sought admittance into one of the existing guilds, and were accepted on payment of certain fees or fines. On the one hand, the law made it incumbent upon them to be members of some guild, and, on the other hand, such membership was of great value to them. Only members of the guilds were permitted to carry on business in the cities, and many privileges and immunities were given them by the crown. They elected aldermen and municipal officers; in fact, they were the electors of the towns in which they lived.

Thus, at the end of the fourteenth century—the date of the oldest existing Masonic documents—Masonry was:

1. A trade union or guild, differing in no essential from other trade guilds.

2. It had a charter from the crown, was under supervision by officers of the crown, and was governed by regulations partly framed by and satisfactory to the King's officials.

3. Its members, with those of other guilds, formed the electorate of the cities and towns, and chose the municipal officials.

4. Only members of the guilds were permitted to carry on business in the towns.

5. Men not masons by trade were accepted as members of the societies, so that there were Free Masons, or men who enjoyed the freedom of the towns by reason of having served as apprentices to the trade, and Accepted Masons, or men who became members on payment of certain fees, because they had no guilds of their own trade or calling.

The rules and regulations for the government of Masons differed in no important particular from those of the other guilds.

The apprentices were to serve faithfully for seven years; they were to be zealous in the interests of their masters, to be content with their wages, to do no villainy with the wives or daughters of their employers or their fellows: were to be free by birth, no bastards, to have the proper use of their limbs, and were not to consort with evil characters.

The like regulations, with slight modifications, applied to the fellows of the craft, or journeymen.

The masters or employers were to be true to their lords, that is, those for whom they contracted to do work; they were bound to attend congregations or assemblies of the craft when properly summoned; they were to take only a limited number of apprentices—none for less than seven years, and none that were bondmen. They were to pay apprentices not more than fair wages. They were not to take contracts without feeling assured that they could carry them to completion; were not to supplant others in the work they had undertaken, and were not to employ cowans or inferior workmen. If a travelling workman came to them for employment, they were to give him work or "refresh" him with money, to enable him to reach a place where work might be obtained.

All classes were to be true to the church, loyal to the king, obedient to the law, loving to their brethren and charitable to the poor and the unfortunate. They were to live honestly and reputably; the employer was to pay fair

wages and the workman to give honest work. In five hundred years, Masonry, as a rule of conduct and a code of morals, has made no improvement.

So far as has been ascertained there was but one ceremony of initiation. Whether there was any difference at all between the initiation of an apprentice and the reception of an accepted Mason is not known.

Between the end of the fourteenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century, many and important changes took place in the religious, legal, social and industrial condition of the people of England, and these changes had a marked effect upon the fortunes of the Masonic guilds. In 1536 and 1539 Henry the Eighth suppressed the monasteries and confiscated their property, and thenceforward for more than a hundred years no more ecclesiastical buildings except churches were erected. The Roman Catholic clergy no longer had power over or interest in the building trades, and the clergy of the Reformed church do not appear to have taken notice of them.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the Statutes of Labourers were repealed, and that monarch gave evidence of unfriendliness to all secret societies. Indeed, it appears that proceedings were instituted against Masons for frequenting unlawful assemblies. for Coke, in commenting on one of the cases, pointed out that the indictment charged a violation of the Statutes of Labourers, and that, those statutes having been repealed, all prosecutions based on them must necessarily fail.

After the death of James the First, Masonry fell more and more into decline. We know that lodges met occasionally, and that they accepted men who were not operative masons; but the lodges were few and the attendance at the meetings small. In 1646, when Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring were initiated at Warrington, in Lancashire, there were but seven members present; and in 1682, when Ashmole attended a lodge in London, there were ten members present, including himself.

The rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral and other churches and secular structures, after the great fire in London, gave some new life to operative masonry; but, in the year 1717, the lodges of that city were few and feeble. It is generally asserted that there were but four in the cities of London and Westminster. Hughan thinks there were probably more, and Hughan's opinion certainly carries great weight.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, there was no general organization of Freemasonry, if, indeed, there ever had been such. When a large building was in progress the workmen got together and formed a lodge. In the majority of cases the lodge died when the work was finished. There was no Grand Lodge or central authority

of any kind to grant warrants. There was no Grand Master, as we understand the term. Anderson, Preston, Oliver and other Masonic writers speak of Sir Christopher Wren as having been Grand Master for many years, and say that in later years the lodges fell into decay because he neglected them. Undoubtedly, Sir Christopher was Grand Master over the Masons who wrought on St. Paul's Cathedral, and possibly over those who wrought on other buildings of which he was the architect; but it may be remarked that, if Sir Christopher ever was a Freemason at all, he was Grand Master long before he was a Mason. St. Paul's Cathedral was begun in 1675. On the 18th of May, 1691, Aubrey, an English author, cited by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, wrote that there was that day to be a great convention of Freemasons at St. Paul's Church, when Sir Christopher Wren and others were to be adopted as accepted brethren. Thus, so far as he was Grand Master at all, he was Grand Master for at least sixteen years before he was a Freemason. In fact, he was merely the superintendent of the workmen.

The condition of English Freemasonry, then, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, was substantially this:

There were four (and possibly more) weak lodges in London and Westminster. Their members were operative and accepted or gentleman Masons.

There were a few lodges in other parts of England, but their number is not known.

There was no Grand Lodge organization or central authority.

Each lodge was absolutely independent.

Masons met and formed lodges at their pleasure, and left them to die when they had served out the term of their usefulness.

There was but one ceremony of initiation and but one degree.

This being the condition of Masonry, the members decided that they would cement the lodges in and about London into a Grand Lodge, under a Grand Master, and restore the quarterly assemblies. What their motives were cannot be certainly known. One writer suggests that as at that time many social clubs were formed, nothing more was intended than the organization of such bodies. Another thinks that the accepted or gentleman Masons, wished to control the lodges and get rid of the operative brethren. Still another holds that the scholarly and philosophic members, finding ready to their hand a beautiful system of morality, decided to organize and strengthen it and to diffuse its benefits over the whole earth. In a paper such as this it is impossible to discuss these questions.

Be the reason what it may, a number of the brethren held a preliminary meeting in February, 1717, and resolved to form a Grand Lodge. On the 24th of June of the same year (St. John the Baptist's Day) they met again and carried that scheme into execution. All that is known of those meetings is told by Anderson, as follows:—

King George the First entered London most magnificently on the 20th of September, 1714, and after the rebellion was over, A.D. 1716, the few lodges at London, finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a Grand Master as the centre of union and harmony, viz.: the lodges that met—

1. At the Goose and Gridiron ale house in St. Paul's Churchyard.
2. At the Crown ale house in Parker's Lane, near Drury Lane.
3. At the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles Street, Covent Garden.
4. At the Rummer and Grapes tavern, in Channel Row, Westminster.

They and some other old brothers met at the Apple Tree, and, having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a lodge) they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge pro tempore, in due form, and forthwith revived the quarterly communication of the officers of lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual feast, and then to choose the Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honour of a noble brother at their head.

Accordingly, on St. John the Baptist's Day, in the third year of King George the First, A.D. 1717, the assembly and feast of the Free and Accepted Masons was held at the aforesaid Goose and Gridiron ale house.

Before dinner, the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a lodge) in the chair, proposed a list of proper candidates, and the brethren, by a majority of hands, elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman, Grand Master of Masons; Captain Joseph Elliott, Mr. Jacob Lamball, carpenter, Grand Wardens, who, being forthwith invested with the badges of office and power by the said oldest Master, and installed, was duly congratulated by the assembly, who paid him the homage.

Sayer, Grand Master, commanded the Masters and wardens of lodges to meet the Grand Officers every quarter in communication at the place appointed in his summons sent by the Tyler.

The preliminary meeting was held on the 20th of February, 1716, according to the old style, which was in use at the time Grand Lodge was formed and when Dr. Anderson wrote, but it was in 1717 as we now reckon time.

Steps were at once taken to harmonize the legend of the craft with modern ideas, to frame a system of regulations for the government of the newly created Grand Lodge, and to rearrange the ceremonies. James Anderson, D.D., a Scotchman, and pastor of a Presbyterian church in London, was asked to undertake the first of these tasks. He procured as many Masonic documents as possible and "digested" them into a new narrative, adding such items of later history as he thought necessary. The Charges of a Freemason were also re-written by Anderson, and are retained in the degree work in this jurisdiction.

The General Regulations (which may be called the first Constitution of Grand Lodge) were compiled by George Payne in 1718, when Grand Master. They were revised by Anderson and adopted by Grand Lodge.

It is reasonably certain that there was but one degree in the old Masonic work, used at the initiation of Apprentices and at the acceptance of members not Masons. The second and third degrees appear to have been written between 1717 and 1723, but by whom is not certainly known.

Apparently there was rivalry between the operative masons and the accepted, or gentleman masons, for control of the new Grand Lodge. For the satisfaction of the former, it was provided that the old landmarks should be carefully preserved, and that no new regulations should be adopted, nor change made in the old regulations without the assent of the majority of all the brethren, even of the youngest apprentices.

There is reason for thinking that the phrase relating to the ancient landmarks merely meant the privileges and customs of the lodges of operative masons, and that this enactment was afterwards strengthened by the declaration that it was not in the power of any man or any body of men to make innovation in the body of Freemasonry. The old lodges which united to form the Grand Lodge did not surrender their independence, but continued to exist by immemorial right, while lodges constituted thereafter derived their authority from the warrant or charter approved by Grand Lodge and granted by the Grand Master.

The Constitutions of the Freemasons, and the accompanying documents were submitted to and solemnly approved by Grand Lodge in 1723. The declaration is as follows:

We, the present Grand Master of the Right Worshipful and most ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Masters and Wardens of particular lodges (with the consent of the brethren and fellows in and about the cities of London and Westminster) having also perused this performance, do join our laudable predecessors in our solemn approbation thereof, as what we believe will fully

answer the end proposed; all the valuable things of the old records being retained, the errors in history and chronology corrected, the false facts and the improper words omitted, and the whole digested into a new and better method.

And we do ordain that these be received in every particular lodge under our cognizance, as the only Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons amongst us, to be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall think fit; and which the new brethren should peruse before they are made:

This was signed by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and the Masters and Wardens of the twenty lodges then existing in London and Westminster.

And thus the Mother Grand Lodge of the world was established.

Apparently, it was formed for the government of lodges in and about the metropolitan area, and its first members had no thought or desire for control of lodges outside of that territory. The national Grand Lodge was an institution of slow growth.

In 1725 the ancient lodge at York declared itself to be a Grand Lodge, and called itself the Grand Lodge of All England. It did not associate other lodges with it, but acted solely by its own authority. During a fitful existence which continued with intervals of inactivity till 1791, it granted warrants to a number of lodges, but had no permanent influence on Masonry in England or elsewhere.

In 1753 some Masons in London seceded from the regular Grand Lodge and established another, which they called "the Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions." This body has generally been called the Ancient or Atholl Grand Lodge. It remained active till 1813, with growing numbers and influence, when a union was happily effected between it and the old Grand Lodge, under the title of the United Grand Lodge of England. Much of the Masonry of North America was established by the so-called Ancient Grand Lodge.

Masonry was first brought to this Province by military lodges, but the first permanent lodges were formed by authority of the Ancient Grand Lodge in 1792, when William Jarvis was appointed Provincial Grand Master. Some lodges were warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and one or two by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. After the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Atholl lodges received warrants from the united body. In 1855, the present Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was formed at Hamilton, and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon it.

From the little gathering of representatives of four weak lodges, and some of the older brethren, at the Goose and Gridiron ale house in London, the light of Freemasonry has spread to every quarter of the habitable globe. The little band has become a mighty host of about two and a half millions. All classes and conditions of men are enrolled among the brethren, from the artisan and the labourer to the king on his throne. The principles of the craft have broadened the minds of men, helped to shape the world's ethics, and influenced the laws of empires. The beneficence of Masonry has been active wherever there has been suffering to alleviate or sorrow to assuage. It has sought out misery in the lowly lot and reached the dying hero on the field of battle. It has not only been active in all good work but it has educated men into deeds of beneficence.

Day by day its influence is growing and strengthening, lighting men to thoughts and deeds of goodness, mercy and righteousness. And let us unite in gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having so enlightened the minds of the men who met at St. Paul's Churchyard in 1717, that they gave to future generations the great moral force which has gone on for two centuries in its wondrous work of love, and which we trust will continue to do so till time shall be no more.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Harding, and

Resolved that the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. Freed for his excellent paper on the subject of "The Mother Grand Lodge," and for his untiring energy in its compilation.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Notices of Motion received by him within the time prescribed by the Constitution:

By M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.

That item 12 of Section 245 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

For every member of each lodge one dollar per annum, of which eighty cents shall be used for benevolent purposes only, and twenty cents shall be paid into the general fund.

By R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden.

That Section 215 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of ten dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

By R. W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon.

That Section 3 of the Constitution respecting representation at Grand Lodge meetings by proxy be amended by adding thereto the following:

Except in Algoma District No. 17, where any lodge in the district may appoint a proxy resident in the district who is not a member of the lodge, and such proxy shall not represent more than three lodges.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws:

REPORT

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Constitution and Laws, begs to report as follows:

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, that item 12 of Section 245 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "For every member of each lodge, one dollar per annum, of which eighty cents shall be used for benevolent purposes only, and twenty cents shall be paid into the General Fund."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

2. By R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden—That Section 215 be amended to read as follows:—"215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of ten dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

3. By R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon—That Section 3 of the Constitution respecting representation at Grand Lodge meetings be amended by adding thereto the following: "Except in Algoma District No. 17, where any lodge in the district may appoint a proxy resident in the district who is not a member of the lodge, and such proxy shall not represent more than three lodges."

There is no legal objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

APPLICATION OF ARKONA LODGE No. 307.

Application was made by Arkona Lodge No. 307 to be transferred from South Huron District No. 4 to St. Clair District No. 2. The application was referred to M. W. Bro. Malone (Chairman of the Committee on Re-distribution of Lodges in 1916) who presented the following:

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

Transfer of Arkona Lodge No. 307.

With respect to the application of Arkona Lodge No. 307 praying to be transferred from South Huron District Number 4 to St. Clair District Number 2, I beg to report as follows:

I find that Arkona Lodge No. 307 complied with the requisite formalities in order to have its application considered.

I find that on account of the geographical position of the lodge the difficulties and inconvenience which under the present circumstances prove so burdensome, can be overcome by placing the lodge in St. Clair District No. 2.

I have received written reports from the D.D.G.Ms. of the respective districts strongly favouring the application. As the result of personal interviews with the D.D.G.Ms. of the respective districts I am of the opinion that the transfer, if effected, will in all probability be of incalculable benefit to the lodge and have much pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to favour the application.

The necessity of preserving the old districts as at present formed cannot be too strongly emphasized, and in the event of Grand Lodge approving of my recommendation such action must not be considered a precedent to encourage applications of a like nature.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of M. W. Bro. Malone on Arkona Lodge, No. 307 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, beg to report:—

That in spite of the constant and pitiless drain made upon our reservoir of potentiality and promise by this homicidal tragedy of warring nations, the condition of Masonry is vigorous and virile—well proved, tried and trusty, for it has the Pauline basis of the Pioneers of the craft, each of whom could truly say “as a wise Master-builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon”; and also that hope in the future which assures the handing down of our trust and traditions to our posterity worthily: “After me cometh a Builder—tell him I too have known.”

We still stand four square to every wind that blows, and a new wind will blow through the Empire after this war. Our condition will be sound and well proportioned while “the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal”—**the length:** our duty to ourselves with the lamp of Truth aglow—“this above all to thine own self be true”—**the breadth:** our duty to our fellow men with the lamp of Charity and Philanthropy shining—and **the height:** our duty to the God of our fathers with the lamp of the light Divine, answering the ‘uttered or unexpressed’ prayer of every true Mason during these testing times of trouble and of doubt:

What in me is dark illumine,
What is low raise and support,
That to the height of this great argument
I may assert Eternal Providence
And justify the ways of God to men.

Meanwhile, the records of Nehemiah are as true of today’s conditions as they were of “them of old times!” “For the Builders, everyone had his sword by his side, and so builded,” illustrative surely of Masonry’s contribution to our war against war—and of the two essential employments at the present time—fighting and construction.

Great is the conflagration, intense the heat of the conflict, but to us in our fight for freedom, it is not a crematorium but a crucible—and through the dense smoke and the obscuring cloud of the battles which threaten to uproot the old faiths—as they have already destroyed many of God’s Holy Temples—(built by devoted Mason’s hands—in unity, mystery, majesty and grace),—let us pray together for ourselves and for our warrior sons at the Front—(led sometimes by a Masonic choir) in the words of the grand old hymn, which distils Masonry in every line:

Come, Thou Holy Paraclete,
 And from Thy celestial seat
 Send thy light and brilliancy;
 O Thou light most pure and blest
 Shine within the inmost breast
 Of Thy faithful Company;
 Fill Thy faithful who confide
 In Thy power to guard and guide,
 With Thy seven-fold mystery
 And in heaven felicity.

Despite the sternness of the struggle—the reality of the menace—the jeopardy of every hour—the awfulness of the loss of precious lives,—despite the blows and buffetings, we Masons must, like the undaunted Hiram, be of good courage. 'To doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would be sin.' To fear failure in such a cause as ours would be to doubt the eternal wisdom of the Almighty, whose ministers we are. So let it be ever said of Canada and of Canada's Grand Lodge—(*spes Provinciae*)—that as at the first she did not hesitate, so at the end she did not falter—for the fallen we do not cease to mourn—for the cause we do not cease to strive. The great basic reality is, is the world to be bond or free? We cannot be half slaves or half free. We need the larger liberties. These are days pregnant with great historic anniversary associations. In the 200 years of the Mother Grand Lodge, the craft has had its periods of depression; in the 50 years of Canada's confederation we have weathered many storms; in the 1,000 years of Britain's history we have faced many crises of our fate and emerged conquering and to conquer, in faith triumphant over the armies of the Aliens—the land of hope and glory—the mother of the free. We are living now in a house of wonder—to some a house of dread—and happy are we if we find a great interpreter; for the present need is optimistic faith. Among the thousands that array themselves under our own literary banners many interpreters could be found, but let us take to ourselves from the treasures of our new Allies, one noble sentence, and let it animate us as we apply the splendid tribute both to our Ancient Craft and our Ancient Empire. Emerson wrote of Britain in 1856—.... "I see her not dispirited, not weak, but well remembering that she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees better in a cloudy day, and that in storm of battle and calamity she has a secret vigour and a pulse like a cannon. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young, and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion. Seeing this, I say, All Hail! Mother of nations, mother of heroes, with strength still equal to the time." Verily we are Ancients of the Days but in the morning of the times.

So let every Mother Lodge, more than a mere trysting-place, be the mother of free men. We Masons should lead other men in a clear and reasoned and kindling patriotism. We should be rallying squares—our batteries of energy well

charged—our lines of communication well established. The gracious parting words of the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of England, should be remembered. "It will ever be written in the records of Canada," he said, "that in the time of the greatest need, unasked and unforced, the best of Canada's sons rallied to the colours." And reference to the Duke of Connaught recalls to us that his successor, the present honoured representative of His Majesty in Canada, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, is the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, and his fraternal kindness extended to wounded Canadian brethren in England will not soon be forgotten. His recent words of solemn warning, his call for devoted work, his appeal on behalf of the Red Cross have produced a deep impression and fruitful response.

The Red Cross has for Masons a peculiar claim—it has the 5 squares—the 5 points, and the 'covering grip' over all other charities, for it alleviates the suffering and saves the lives of the great asset of Empire—our nearest and dearest—our wounded at the Front.

But there is another need,—another call—and still another—and it may not be amiss to quote for the brethren who may be tempted to complain:

"Go, break to the needy, sweet Charity's bread,

For giving is living," the Angel said.

"And must I be giving again and again?"

My peevish and pitiless answer ran:

"Oh no!" said the Angel, "piercing me through,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

War is at once a challenge and an opportunity. Quickly too quickly, the cots and ambulances are coming, bringing loved ones back crippled and maimed and crushed, unable longer to perform their life duties. Have we made ready to receive them? As there was a Semi-centennial fund—let there be now a Bi-centenary fund, and in this Jubilee year of Confederation it will be doubly appreciated and appropriate.

The fraternity should mark the Bi-centenary and Confederation by making some provision for the Members who have sacrificed so much in the Great War. The struggle of many will be very hard, to attain to the standard which they had set out in time of peace to reach, and all the assistance which we can give will be needed to enable them to have the privileges which they had hoped for, and many had worked for, until the call came, and they dropped their plans to take up the struggle FOR US. This should not take the form of inanimate marble monuments or metallic tablets, but should be practical and full, too, of Masonic ideals and aims—to perpetuate in living souls the joy of living. And there are the dependents—the little children of those for whom the war drum throbs no longer, and who have heard the sunset gun. We need a fund—a large one—we need it now. Can we not found it broad and deep at

this Grand Lodge. Will some Brother be inspired to lead? We have our burdens already, but burden bearers must be burden sharers in these dark days, and there is a great burden Adjuster—He knows. Besides, let us be honest. Here in Canada, outside of stricken homes, where they sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still—outside of the mother's poignant grief and the father's cry, "My son, my son, would God that I had died for thee, my son," what horrors of war have we Canadians experienced as a whole? Let us be honest, and let us also be grateful.

Indeed we men and Brethren, wherever Anglo-Saxon blessings of civilization and citizenship and of high ideals are enjoyed, should thank Him; Him whose noblest temples are not built with hands, but in the opened hearts of men, the higher Masonry—that of the spirit, in that universal Te Deum of John Oxenham:—

Thank Him:—

For work to do—and strength to do the work,
 For vision of the worker in the work—
 For the sweet promise of the seven-fold bow;
 For kinship, friendship, sonship, brotherhood,
 For friends above; for friends still left below—
 For the rare links, invisible between,
 For apprehension and the ears to hear,
 For faith and works and gentle charity,
 For all that lifts man from his common rut,
 For hearts triumphant in perpetual hope,
 For hope victorious through past hopes fulfilled,
 When hope shall end in glorious certainty,
With quickened hearts; we thank Thee Lord!

As in our Report of last year three letters from Brethren at the Front proved a most interesting feature, so this year, and in this immediate connection your committee are privileged to give extracts from the letters of two brethren which will appeal to all.

The first is from Major R. H. James, of the Canadian Railway Troops, D.D.G.M. of Temiskaming District, who writes on June 20th among other things as follows:

"I have visited Canada Lodge and other lodges in England. During these visits I have been privileged to see several initiations nearly all drawn from the military forces and ranking from a private soldier to a General. At all the meetings kahki predominated and every Lodge had a well filled honour roll hanging on the wall. Works of benevolence of extensive and even national importance are undertaken by the fraternity in England. These include Masonic schools, Orphanages, Infirmarys and Hospitals. One Masonic hospital I found amongst the best equipped and most comfortable in England and it takes care of 150 patients. The source of its support is not generally known, as in such cases the principle seems to be that the right

hand must not know what the left doeth. Worthy of remark is the large number of all ranks in the **Canadian Army** who are members of the Craft. Amongst officers there is a large percentage; indeed more than 50 per cent. of the officers of certain units that I know are Masons. One unit can fill every office in the Lodge.

"To Masons, as to all well-constituted people, new avenues are being opened up to additional and deserving works of charity. Hospitals for the blind; homes for the crippled; relief for the distressed; comforts for the sick and wounded; artificial limbs to replace losses in battle; schools of occupational training for those unable to return to their former work. These and many others must be provided, so that our battle-scarred veterans may be cared for without reproach to the nations they have served so well. Unwaivering faith in our cause and in our ability to conquer, confident hope of the future and of better things with it; these must be combined with our works of charity, that greater good may ensue.

And above the sad world's sobbing
And the strife of clan with clan;
We can hear the mighty throbbing
Of the heart of God in Man.

"Finally, it is my sincere wish, that the Craft may grow and prosper; that within it the Masonic structure may be founded on the broad and enduring Corner Stone of Charity built of the blocks of Fidelity; supported by the pillars of Strength; and beautified and adorned by Truth and Wisdom; so that the edifice complete may prove acceptable to the G. A. O. T. U. to whose safe and gracious keeping I commend you all.

R. H. JAMES, Major,

Can. R'y. Troops Depot.

The other letter is from a young brother, Lieut. Dan A. Cameron, of Belleville, who in one graphic touch brings us close to the spirit and the comradeship of the fighting line. Writing to your Chairman he says: "We are identified with the real atmosphere of the front line men. They speak a front line vernacular, as lurid as it is convincing and spectacular. They don't take kindly to barrack-yard drill, and they express themselves with a cheerful frankness. They are simply splendid. They unconsciously belong to the aristocracy of the front line, that exclusive and superb fraternity whose entrance fee is one's life cheerfully laid on the altar of service to be taken or returned as God may decree. And this Empire of ours is wonderful, isn't it? The spirit accentuating its every part seems so essentially magnificent, so uniformly fine. It has been a revelation and one can feel the glow of satisfaction and of pride. Now at the dawn of that era of success on which we are surely entering; at last we have the guns and the shells!

We always had the men and the leaders; had it not been so where would we be now? Sir Douglas Haig has struck terribly. Here's health and strength to his good "Scotch arm."

DAN A. CAMERON.

Canada's half century as a Dominion from sea to sea—with noble rivers and great unsalted inland seas, with sturdy and chivalrous sons, gentle and womanly daughters—is in its conception and consummation an important factor in Empire building. Confederation proved a step in Imperial Federation. We may, we hope, truly say that we have macadamized some stretches on our road to manhood, and what we have we will hold.

There is no room for hyphenates or Separatists under the three-fold flag of Union which—full of symbolism—finds its appropriate and honoured place in the lodge rooms of those who "fear God, love the Brotherhood, and honour the King." As the colours of the chivalric crosses are blended (blended it should never be forgotten in our craft colours, including the "blood of our heroes slain"), so we Freemasons must see to it (as far as in us lies) that Canadians are welded in one British nationality; for this our fathers fought and wrought with true prophetic thought and it must be defended; for it is our trust as well as our heritage. There must be preserved a united British North America for our soldier sons and intrepid brothers who are sternly striving with the common foe at our outer portals on our distant frontier lines. It is **their** right, it is **our** duty. Look well to the west and east. Look well to the centre. Our strength is our stability. Our force is fidelity and unity. We proceeded not in it lightly nor will we recede from it dishonourably—nor will we permit others to secede. We owe this to, and we are in honour bound, to those "Captains Courageous" who will have something more than pity for those who now appear to be playing an unpleasantly parasitic part.

Those who would stand apart in selfish isolation and refuse to fight for their own mothers and sisters, and the mothers and sisters of violated France and Flanders, should remember that those who keep not faith with the friends of freedom are not fit to be free. It will not suffice for us as Masons and loyal citizens to say "leave them alone, they are joined to their idols." They must share the public burdens and responsibilities if they would share the public privileges and rights of this Dominion and the Empire.

"This is our heritage,
And here we do engage
Each man unto his son
Intact to pass it on,
So shall they be
As we are—free."

The United States has joined us and virtually this whole American continent is now facing together that destiny which must be thought out, wrought out and fought out. And as with Britain, so with the United States: slow to wrath, patient for peace, means firm in fight. The unfurling of her standard in France gives to her flag a New Glory. She has accepted gauge of battle with the natural, or rather the unnatural, foe to liberty. God helping her she could do no other.:

"Say not the struggle, naught availeth:
For not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly!
But *westward*, look, the land is bright!"

Our cousins have become our brothers, and the cordial and friendly fraternal relations already existing will henceforth be emphasized and intensified. In the words of one of their great statesmen of past days, "Let us swear an eternal friendship." Of common origin, of common language, it is not wonderful that our two neighbouring nations should obey the admonition of the immortal laureate of the craft, Robert Burns, who said then as he says now:

"And when you think upon your mother,
Mind and be kind to one another."

The soldiers of the great Republic—now great in purpose as in area—will march with ours in this crusade of humanity—for this great adventure has become a great crusade,—and however long the path we will tread it together—foot to foot, forming a column of mutual defence and support. The American soldier, like the British soldier, will conquer but to save, and will fight for that victory which will ensure for our children's children a lasting peace; will fight chivalrously and not as that reprobate nation which has dragged down the name of soldier to the lasting depths of infamy. Of the United States it can now be said, as it has always been truthfully said of the British Empire, represented in this great crisis by her right hand, her 'happy warriors,' coming from north and south, east and west, from all parts of the Commonwealth to keep their uncovenanted bond, that—

"Her veins are millions, but her heart is one."

Gleaning from Foreign Fraternal Jurisdictions as to the condition of Masonry, we may say that without invidious comparison the annual proceedings of Iowa, Texas and Massachusetts stand out as power houses on the line of Masonic culture, thought and progress. It is emphasized that research is both labour and refreshment, and that the spirit of service is the talisman in all vicissitudes. Reverence for the old and devotion to the present and new duty of this hour and day fraught with such significance, must be the watchwords of the craft. Watchman, what of the future?

The world is entering upon a new phase of its development, and new responsibilities will devolve upon the fraternity. Let there be nothing anaemic or attenuated about our body, but let it be vitalized, strong and of full impact. **We do not yet realize our united strength.** We are naturally robust and virile; do not let Masonry, because it is speculative and sometimes mystical, weaken the solid phalanx and firmness of purpose which should be ours in the invincible though invisible power of co-ordinated human energy.

But there can be no real zeal for an institution whose history and mission we only vaguely comprehend. Masonry will stand the test of the world only if we can stand the test of Masonry. Like the natural resources which God has provided for man, they are non-productive and valueless unless cultivated and utilized. The riches of Masonry lie dormant. Why are we so often concealing, seldom revealing their fabulous wealth? But pressing forward eagerly, we must not forget the past which has made our present potentially realizable. Our duty to ourselves and to posterity should induce each lodge to select a well-informed and capable brother to write an authentic history of the lodge, with biographical data and chronological records of the milestones of progress. The personal links that connect us with the past are being only too rapidly severed.

What are we doing towards keeping the lamp of knowledge burning in Canada? Few individual Masons have either time, means or opportunity to explore the often inaccessible literature of Masonry. Only a small percentage of the membership is actually in touch with Grand Lodge which, of course, is or should be the radiating centre of light and knowledge! "How can I understand unless someone shall guide me?" said the Ethiopian. We cultivate the rose that it may bud and bloom, the wheat that it may nourish—let us cultivate Masonry that it too may bud and bloom and nourish that fraternal life which we should "live well together." "Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!" Let us make of our lodge rooms places of "contagious delight," practicing the virtues we profess to admire but also helping one another to solve the riddle of life—which is still worth living—together. Brotherhood should be the river of life in this world—freighted with rich cargoes. Great ships need deep waters. Brotherhood is brotherhood in action.

Your Committee are aware that there are two schools of thought—the one regards Masonry as purely idealistic, traditional and speculative—as a haven of philosophical rest if not of reposeful routine, with treasures of rich allegorical truths inviting contemplation;—the other school of thought combines will with action and claims that in the craft, as in the state, eternal vigilance, ceaseless activity, is the condition of safety and liberty—that our working tools should be in use by day as well as by night, and that with all our altruistic endeavour and enlightenment we should get results, and prepare ourselves for a widening horizon, a progressive and productive future.

General Smuts, who has electrified the Empire by his vivid speeches, says "sudden liberty is like young wine. It is heavy, and liberty as a force in the world requires organization and discipline. Freedom acts on its own internal impulse but in times like these there must be much more than merely idealistic impulse. To be free, you must work very hard and struggle very hard."

Does not this ring true?

In social service there is both a hammer and an anvil. The great master builders put purpose in their progress.

After two centuries of organized preparation, Masonry must make good, and prove both proficiency and efficiency. It is urged by the modern school that we should show an active interest in, for instance, the education of our young men of the household of the faithful in lodge, in college and in citizenship. We should revive our work in making hospital, surgical and clinical treatment available for little children of, and for brethren in moderate circumstances, to whom the present prices of private wards are practically prohibitive. We should visit the sick more systematically and frequently. "I was sick and ye visited me," is the Master's mark of merit. We should see to it that any disloyal or seditious language in our community is sternly repressed, especially at this crisis of our fate. We should prohibit the sacrilegious profanity which desecrates our streets. We should participate in practical and positive work for humanity.

We should be the most important factor in the nation in assimilating those of foreign birth and language and making them worthy of the protection of our symbolic flag. We should be more than mere "students of truth." We should enhance the happiness and welfare and enlightenment of our fellowmen. We should not hide our light under a bushel but should come out four square, though not aggressively or politically, but tolerantly, for right, and for good civic government, and the advancement of national and personal honour, and even for the health and housing of the community. We can mediate between classes and interests because we represent average intelligence and sober prudence—(a "nucleus of enlightened and animated moderation,) we have been called.

In a word, while not operative we should be vitally and organizedly co-operative, in every sphere in which broad-minded men of stable equilibrium wield influence—

Against the wrong that needs resistance,
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do.

Surely Wesley's beneficent rule is good for all time:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

And now a few words as to Interior Economy.

As in other jurisdictions, there are two troubles or dangers which beset us at times. Whenever a lodge needs petitions for the degrees to refill its treasury or meet its expenses, the door is open for the reception of unfit material. And there is the other peril—numerical ambition—the appetite for dimensions. It has been well said that “we need quick recovery from the insanity of **numbers**.” Are we not paying too much attention to the wholesale birth of Masons and too little attention to their care and nourishment after they are born. Masters seem to be possessed with an imaginary rivalry with competitors who do not exist. The character of its people is the measure of a nation's greatness and so with the craft. The calibre, the quality of membership, is all in all. Quantitative totals are merely nominal roles—Masons on paper—unless good citizenship is added to the distinguished honour and dignity that we have the power to bestow or withhold. Let us hope that all Masters will henceforth see before them at each meeting only the flower of the manhood of Canada. “Not by their size, measure we men or things.” Some of our district deputies emphasize the need of this renewed caution most forcibly.

A large proportion of our membership neglect to avail themselves of the educational, unifying and informing privileges of the Masonic Press. We urge every brother to subscribe to some good craft periodical, to make it his own and so keep in touch with current thought and abreast of the times. How many read, how many have access to the Grand Master's annual address, the reports of Grand Lodge committees, and Fraternal Correspondence, a treasure house of comment on the contemporary trend of events in Masonry which, despite the strain, is still universal wherever true manhood survives. Could not the methods of distribution of these reports and proceedings be improved?

It has been suggested that an organization on the lines of the Round Table, entirely voluntary, and composed of those who have similar tastes and the spirit of research and a desire to advance the real interest of the craft, in its history, literature, philosophy and administration, might be formed in groups of active workers, who would share with their brethren the results of their studies and conferences together. The revival of the catechetical system and the inauguration of the question drawer by some progressive lodges is to be commended.

Time will not permit your Committee more than a passing but earnest word of commendation for many of the fruitful activities of the brethren during the past year, and without forgetting many other generous impulses expressed in concerted action, all will agree in a word of appreciation for (1) the Past Masters' Associations; (2) the Musical Ritual; (3) the Masonic Choirs; (4) the new Masonic Temple in Toronto; (5) the boundless hospitality of Canada Lodge, Authors' Lodge, Royal Colonial Institute Lodge and others extended to our Canadian brethren overseas; (6) the continued good work of Quatuor Coronati Lodge and all other societies of Research; (7) the splendid celebrations of National Nights in our various lodges; (8) the investment of surplus craft funds in the government war loans; (9) the sharing by talented members of their gifts of God with their brethren.

We have ample talent within our own membership, both to entertain and to teach, and we should use it to generate and justify self-confidence. We need every gift, we need every tie that binds. We need them now, we need one another, here and now.

“But once I pass this way,
And then—no more.
But once—and then,
 the silent Door
Swings on its hinges,—
Opens—closes—
And no more
 I pass this way.

So while I may,
With all my might,
I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight,
To all I meet upon
 the Pilgrim way.
For no man travels twice
The Great Highway,
That climbs through
Darkness up to Light,—
Through Night
 To Day.”

Statistics are generally dry and are not easily grasped by an audience, but a comparative table of three milestones of material progress will not be uninteresting and may be a source of pardonable and satisfying pride to the craft in this jurisdiction, meeting again this year in Belleville—a city which is the very centre of the district where our united Empire loyalist forefathers—many of them Masons—weary but resolute, laid broad and deep the corner stone of British freedom under the flag in Canada, and established their lodges on the shores of the Bay of Quinte; the district where nomenclature is forever indented with the greatest Mason of his time, under his triple title of Earl of Moira, Earl of Rawdon and Marquis of Hastings.

Grand Lodge first met in Belleville in 1896, then in 1910. No actuarial report is required to prove that the condition of fiscal, statistical, temporal Masonry is solvent, and that with peace reigns prosperity.

	1896	1910	1917
No. of Districts.....	18	22	28
No. of Lodges.....	357	413	453
Expended on Benevolence by Grand Lodge exclusive of the grants made by constituent lodges.....	\$8,523	\$26,774	\$36,340
Total Revenue from Lodges, Interest, etc.....	\$19,781	\$41,362	\$65,779
Number of Masons.....	23,351	46,140	63,400

But it is when we contrast conditions as they are with what they were in Confederation year, 1867 (M.W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, G.M.) that we realize the miracle of Masonry in our Province. Truly we have obeyed not merely the command of the Volume of Sacred Law "To do good and to communicate forget not;" but also the command of patriotism and production, "Be ye fruitful and multiply."

	1867	1917
Number of Lodges.....	185	453
Amount of Benevolence.....	\$ 460	\$36,340
Total Revenue.....	6,923	65,779
Number of Masons.....	7,000	63,400

Verily, "Better fifty years of Canada than a cycle of Cathay."

To us of the cemented craft, a society of practical philanthropy, time is a concrete asset. The three great dramatic unities of 'time, place and action', have with us a fourth, viz., person; and in this personal connection we should ask ourselves the time honoured question, "Am I a friend to as many men as are good staunch friends to me?" That is the personal touch. But time is of the essence of our work, for we are all labourers together—all for each, each for all—and we should also ask ourselves this timely question, "Have I earned one more tomorrow by the work I've done today?" Our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build. Weavers of webs are we with days and moments quickly flying. And to strike a minor chord. of Time's symphony—minor but practical; do officers of lodges consider and realize the injurious effect which want of punctuality in opening but still more long delayed hours of closing their lodges have upon the brethren, who little by little are alienated by the appetite for conferring degrees, and gradually become regular non-attendants?

Then there are the Secretaries. Year by year we read of the well-kept books, of the clerical work "set to the minute," and they certainly deserve all praise, but your Committee would be derelict in their duty of frankness did

they not add that at least one-fifth of those who fill that responsible office should never be secretaries, for they regard their lodges as atomic and isolated units, and cannot be either coaxed or coerced into making punctual returns to their D.D.G M's. or to this Grand Lodge, regardless of the fact that in this democratic institution the whole success of administration depends upon the co-ordination of all the constituent parts together. The Masters are, of course, ultimately, responsible. Why should not Grand Lodge jeopardize their voting power in default of punctual returns? And we regret to say that year by year also, on an average, five at least of the District Deputies themselves fail to place a proper estimate on the great value of having their own fine reports available in preparation for the business of this Grand Lodge. These few belated reports straggle in dilatorily every year in the last few days in the hope that in some mysterious way the contents may be smuggled into the overworked Grand Secretary's returns, and the sub-committee's statements. Do not depreciate your own work and worth, brethren, and remember you are (like Canada) only a great part of a greater whole. But in all other respects Secretaries, Masters and District Deputies are admirable exponents of duty well done, and your Committee only refers to the small minority as a deterrent or challenge for the future.

And what of the Masters? More than all others, these rulers of the craft, in the chair of Wisdom, with the strength of experience, in the beauty of harmony, and of a noble ritual, create the condition of Masonry, are the chief factors in its welfare, and their work lives after them. May none of them ever say, "We have earned our rest"; rather let them say "We have earned the right to the honoured rank and the most fruitful work of Past Masters"—full of zeal and learning. Now especially while the heroic deeds of our younger brethren stir our hearts (for the little grain of hero in us responds to heroism)—the call comes to us veterans to accept and vitalize our duties. All of us must join in kind thoughts—the harbinger of kindlier thoughts; in kind words—the sweetest music in the world; in kind deeds—God's jewels, in the lodge and out, so that all will learn at last,

To find our welfare in the general good,
 To bind together men *of all degrees*
 In one wide brotherhood.

And the District Deputy Grand Masters: Read their reports, and realize the splendid results of their indefatigable and fascinating labours. If the lodge is a looking-glass, reflecting the Masters and officers, then truly the district is the mirror of the D.D.G.Ms., who may be called the Diplomatic corps of the Grand Master. They are the accredited ambassadors of the Grand Master, and if the selection of Masters is of momentous importance (infinitely above any system of so-called rotation which often results mechanically in mediocrity), the selection of D.D.G.Ms.

should be doubly so. Masonry attains its results through the thought and action of its membership acting through a well devised mechanism. But there is always a controller, behind the brawn, the brain—the man power. As **Arthur Balfour** inspiringly said at Toronto in wonderfully appropriate words, "In the work of building up a perfected human organization everyone may bear a part; none indeed can do much, yet all may do something: The means, not merely of uplifting men, but of forming and creating character, the action and reaction of mind on mind, the influence of a common life, the joy of common memories, the feeling of brotherhood in a great institution, in whose triumphs he shares, and whose future he believes and hopes will add greatly to the heritage of mankind, are of vital value. There is a common life belonging to every great institution, which goes on continually from generation to generation, which knows no break, which is the very ideal of earthly immortality, but there is always a responsible leader," (always a Grand Master). His words were felt by those who heard him to apply to and aptly describe our great Masonic brotherhood. Yes, there must always be responsible leaders, in the Districts as in the lodges. Something of dramatic fervour as well as studious thought, and standards of dignity and refinement, are required to keep the fires glowing on the altars, to interpret, to encourage, to cement. Lodges should be reservoirs of both power and enjoyment; congenial association and mental efficiency in positions of authority; and both Master and D.D.G.Ms. should use to the utmost the living material waiting to be touched into action. Atrophied sterility follows disuse. Readjustments await us, but as we do not need a new religion but rather a religion anew, so, to use The Builder's words, we do not need a new craft, but rather a craft revitalized in "The Men's House," where on being initiated into manhood men receive the open secret of the world—the Men's House where men and brethren foregather "of one mind, in one place, of one accord," not Masons processed and machined in the turning lathe of forms and rites, however grand, but Masons of the spirit, virile defenders of the faith of the faithful, for whom, as for our country, we utter the invocation (again in the eloquent words of General Smuts) "and we hope and pray that they may all have clearness of vision and purpose, and especially that strength of soul in the coming days which will be more necessary than strength of arm."

That the D.D.G.Ms. have carried the messages and commands of the Grand Master to the 28 districts, and have endeavoured to propagate and diffuse the light of Masonic understanding—at once semaphores and signals and lamp-lighters—will be apparent to all who will read the following 150 extracts from the District Reports, which, following their usual custom, your committee have selected—some as nuggets of ore, others as crystals of clear thought, others as veins of valuable suggestions, and all as important material from the quarries which will reward perusal and

inspection. Note the original versatility and the varying points of view, all converging to the one central aim:

"Absence of young Masons and officers is acutely felt.

Demands for benevolent purposes have been fairly, honourably and generously met.

I found the officers capable, interested willing and eager.

The brethren are thinking less of the accidents of life and more and more of things fundamental and eternal.

If we are to reap the benefit of the awful experience through which the world has been passing, it will only be by erecting on the ruins of the old civilization a new one based more firmly upon that principle, having regard to what Masonry has done, and is now doing, it is surely not in vain to hope that in the years that are to come we may play our part in bringing about the better order of things.

Join in the promotion of a splendid feeling . . . jealously guarding the interests of the craft.

The membership of this lodge may never be large but when they make Masons they will be good ones.

The Subordinate Lodge year should run concurrently with Grand Lodge year. The advantages of a uniform Masonic year are quite obvious.

The Grand Master's words of counsel, kindly and courteous manner, and his ideals of the highest obligations as Masons, are feelingly spoken of.

The world is still convulsed with the tragedy of war. Our honour rolls are growing larger month by month with the names of those who are serving our Empire in the great cause of civilization and liberty of the world. The names of those who have fallen on the pitiless battlefield are ever increasing in number. We are realizing that while it is an inestimable privilege to bear our part in this momentous struggle, and will continue to "carry on" until human happiness has been restored, there are many familiar faces we have seen at our meetings; many of our efficient officers and rulers of the craft who have been called to the Higher Grand Lodge. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those homes that have been bereaved of their loved ones, and to the lodges that have been deprived of the services of these honoured brethren. One compensation is the knowledge that those who have carried out their part in the discharge of their highest obligations have upheld the best traditions of the British race, and demonstrated the principles Free Masonry stands for in its fullest and most complete sense. May their names forever live in our grateful memory.

Degrees have been conferred on candidates most seriously. I have always carried away a profound impression that there is a more serious and sympathetic atmosphere in our lodges and in the rendering of the work than ever before.

Instructive addresses are an incentive to increased attendance and lift the character of the meetings to a higher plane.

The Central Masonic Bureau has been of great assistance and has fully justified its existence.

Our boys at the front are always remembered by letters and gifts. Our men and Masons are not only living up to the standard but are creating new and more ideal standards in efficient and conscientious work and discharge of duties.

These lodges are capably governed and the work is conferred with a full measure of confidence and knowledge.

There is a constant interchange of ideas and close cooperation in their own temple producing a uniform zeal.

They are exercising unusual care in the selection of their canaيدات.

But why should it be unusual? It should always be our chief care.

It has the opportunity of *selecting its membership*, so that it will continue to be, as it is now, a power for good in the district.

I cannot close my report without making special reference to the circular issued every month by this lodge. It is splendidly arranged, giving every detail of their announcements, a masterpiece of the printer's art, and not the least, it conveys a Masonic message every month that must impress itself indelibly on every reader's mind.

It is undeniable that the city lodges enjoy every facility for bringing their work up to the highest possible standard. They have the advantages of environment, interchange of ideas, commodious lodge rooms, etc., whereas the country lodges have practically none of these advantages, but notwithstanding these disadvantages, the work in the great number of instances is of a very high order.

I have advised rather than criticised.

May we all strive to keep worthy the distinguished title we bear.

I realize the very great *trust* that this honour and privilege involve.

The spirit of zeal and optimism prevails. Masonry holds its rightful place as a moral agency in the community.

Extend research into Masonic lore.

The duty is not neglected of placing the honour roll in a prominent position and portraits of those who have died for king and country, for honour, truth and justice.

As the returned brother outlined the dangers, the courageous heroism of our Canadian men, and the power of Masonry as he experienced it at this time, the brethren were thrilled.

A real desire to impress the candidates with the seriousness and beauty of the degree was manifest. I have endeavoured to foster the best traditions and to stimulate the study of Masonry.

Tho' dead, they yet live in the hearts and memories of those they served so well.

My son being one of the candidates I was asked by the W. M. to give him the obligations, which I did. This I consider one of the greatest honours and it only occurs once in a man's lifetime when he has only one son.

No contention or discord mars the fraternal spirit.

While the work is generally good and uniform, there are a few young and inexperienced Masters—especially in the Constitution.

The healthy condition of Masonry depends largely on its Constitution.

The S. W. of Overseas Lodge, Major Gilroy, fell at the Somme and the J. W., Lieut. Henderson, at Vimy Ridge. They were exceptional officers and held in high esteem. Their unselfishness, their high intellectuality and their bright cheery dispositions they ungrudgingly shared with this community.

Here were evidently two men of light and leading, like so many of our brethren at the Front.

The P. Ms. retain their zeal and are a tower of strength to Masonry in the town.

Here is an ideal condition and succinct summary of merits:—

The Masters and officers are enthusiastic and anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible—capable of managing their respective lodges with skill and ability, men of strong personality, willing to learn, eager to serve, and impressed with the responsibility of their positions. The members are taking active part in the business, and the quality of membership added appears to be excellent. Due observance is given to the social side of the craft.

My great aim has been to serve.

While we were loathe to part with our old associates, we must say it would be hard to improve on the redistribution arrangement of lodges in this district which is now compact and easily accessible, but even with that advantage, I travelled 1,243 miles in making my visits.

The brethren are eager to improve and are only too glad to have errors corrected, provided this is not done as an autocrat.

Activity is manifest, in fact, some are working overtime to keep up with the degree work.

(Let us hope there are no "degree-factories in Wellington.)

The lodges are likely to be called on in the near future to do their duty to their members who may have returned from the Great War, unable to take their places again to maintain themselves and those dependent on them.

May the Great Architect give them stout hearts and strong bodies to do their part in this great cause for us—in the great tragedy now being enacted in Europe.

I have strongly impressed upon the brethren the necessity of posting the newly *raised* candidate. Some lodges have a Posting Committee who meet at appointed times to impart information—a much more satisfactory method than the haphazard custom of allowing him to get it from all or any—if he can.

The features that impressed me most strongly were the *real* good fellowship which prevails,—a keen thoroughness in their work and a great care exercised in the admission of applicants.

Truly a trinity of virtues.

A few days after I was gratified to receive a letter of appreciation of my visit, with "just the kind of instruction that we needed." These things gladden the heart of the D.D.G.M. and cause him to feel that his efforts are appreciated and that his time has been well spent in a good cause.

We commend this thoughtful if infrequent courtesy as a good example to be followed.

The three lodges are comfortably housed in one of the finest and most thoroughly equipped temples in Ontario and are consequently in a position to "carry on" to the best advantage.

Another good example—"The House Beautiful" reflected in its inmates' life and work—and correlatively also.

After each degree at the lodge of instruction I appointed an Advisory Board of P.D.D.G.Ms. who dealt with all questions arising out of the work, and valuable discussion followed.

The most fascinating feature was the address of the returned Chaplain, invalided home from the Front, who spoke of the care and the welfare of the soldier and brought the brethren close to the actualities of real warfare.

The grand addresses—a perfect inspiration—make their hearers strong in national determination.

I should like to recommend to Grand Lodge that all lodges should elect and install in June and thus coincide with Grand Lodge. This has been suggested many times.

I also believe that every lodge should elect all its officers by ballot instead of requiring the W. M. to appoint assistant officers which may result in offence, or on the other hand to an incompetent officer being advanced to avoid offence. I also recommend the use of the musical ritual as an adjunct to the degree work.

We were honoured at the lodge of instruction by the presence of the Grand Master who made a host of friends among the brethren. Twenty-two lodges were represented and the choir ably assisted in the rendition of the ceremony.

Brotherly love and loyalty to the Grand Lodge reigns supreme in this district.

This district is in a flourishing condition with a widespread desire in evidence for knowledge along Masonic lines as to the meaning of our symbols, history and teachings. Grand Lodge should consider some means of disseminating Masonic knowledge either by the circulating of instructive literature or by lecturers.

The chairs were all filled by members of the Battalion impressively and well.

A Military Night was again put on by the brethren of Camp Borden, of whom about 300 were present, and a banquet was served by the ladies of the Red Cross.

The S. W. will be a star in the east—so good was his work.

Georgian Lodge is in the unique position of having no outstanding dues.

The new lodge at Port McNichol will start with sixty charter members.

My efforts were to stimulate the practice of Masonic ethics and to promote the study of Masonry. The district is in an enviable position in its temporal, financial and ethical conditions, and the officers are loyal, self-sacrificing and well-skilled. They interpret aright the teaching and meanings of Masonic truths. This fosters a pride in the newly-made Mason in being a member of a society that is not only fraternal but one whose symbolism, ritual and ethical teachings have attracted the investigating minds of present and past ages—philosophers, scientists, theologians and scholars in general.

This habit of attending divine service in a body should not be minimized and I am convinced that much good is accomplished, and, as Masonry stands for that only which is good, I see no reason why a declaration of the principles for which all Masons stand should not occasionally be publicly made.

Many of our members have joined the grand voluntary army and are now fighting on the fields of Europe the great battles for freedom, justice, right and truth, and great and many are the sacrifices made, yet the large percentage of

Masonic enlistments is not to be wondered at. It is but a natural impulse that they should rise in their might to defend those principles which Freemasonry has taught for ages as, if Masonry is anything or stands for anything, it is democracy, pure and simple.

Visiting among lodges is quite general, which fosters the true fraternal spirit, broadens one's views, eradicates provincialism and should be encouraged.

The average attendance of members at regular meetings is about 20 per cent., the number of degrees worked by five lodges is 297, or say 60 per lodge, indicating too much work and too little play and a reason for 80 per cent. non-attendance.

The frog fable is a simile for these conditions, the remedy a limitation of the number of degrees to be conferred in any one year by any one lodge.

This limitation perhaps would necessitate more lodges being formed in congested districts but would give more time for intellectual refreshment and I believe lessen materially the 80 per cent. non-attending class.

These presentations are indications of the large-heartedness of this lodge and there is no stint to their appropriations for relief and charitable purposes.

Bro. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes was present and gave an address in his inimitable style—thoroughly enjoyed.

Courtesy is one of the big assets of this lodge. A candidate of that intelligent nature that could appreciate the beauties of Masonry assisted the W. M. in performing the ceremony.

I was present at the test of "The Has Beens" and if the encomiums of the brethren present are to be taken as void of flattery, these "Masonic Titles" surely belong to the merit variety.

As a climax to an otherwise well regulated and happy occasion, the usual opportunities were freely given for wit and humor, to the enjoyment of all present.

Courtesy, thoughtful consideration and Masonic spirit are all a part of the equipment.

The W. M. is a standard type of a conscientious Mason. The personality of the W. M., added to his proper interpretation renders his degree work very effective. This is as it should be.

The excellent work of each officer joined together formed the harmonious whole. This lodge is in excellent condition and investigates *thoroughly* the character of applicants.

The G. M.—*the* brother who measures up to the standard of the true Mason, whose integrity of purpose is never questioned—to whom the word brother is not an idle word

The membership of this lodge represents the better element and highest culture of the community. It occupies its leisure time in the study and discussion of Masonic subjects.

One of the most pleasing features of these visits was the interest taken by the older members and Past Masters. On one occasion I had three generations of one family sitting in lodge together.

It is complimentary to the lodges to know that cutting down the elaborate suppers has been done that more liberal donations and financial aid could be given to Red Cross and other funds incident to the war.

After consulting the Worshipful Masters of all the lodges it was decided to contribute the amount that would have been spent for a lodge of instruction (\$100.00) to the Canadian Overseas Y. M. C. A. to be used as they thought best for the benefit and comfort of our men in the firing line.

I have no doubt that this Grand Lodge will make some provision that a proper record and roll of honour may be provided to tell the future generations the story of the great sacrifice made by the members of our order for the preservation of the Empire and the principles of liberty and truth which we as an order revere.

There is a sincere desire to make Masons, not members.

During the year I have paid several unofficial visits so as to get in closer touch with the brethren generally and to observe the general conduct of affairs of the several lodges.

I believe the officers and brethren of Unity are paying more attention to patriotic purposes at the present time than to Masonry. They one and all appear to be imbued with the truly Masonic spirit of charity.

There was a peculiar ease and grace about the movements of the officers and a particularly impressive delivery which to the thoughtful candidate must convey the very best in Masonry.

My message is meet regularly, do your work right, open on time and close in good time and see your membership grow.

There is still room for the carrying out of the suggestion in regard to curtailing the amount of ritual and employing the time gained in Masonic study, and as an aid to that object the three city lodges, the Ancient St. John, Cataraqui, and Minden have formed a joint study club which meets once a month.

There was more real good accomplished in such a group gathering where everyone knows the other and had no diffidence in offering criticism and asking questions, than in the large district meeting, where the large majority were strangers.

The shadow of Azrael's dark wings has fallen on most of the lodges of the district, some much beloved brethren have passed behind the veil.

A serene and lovely life laid down the jewel of office in the person of the Chaplain. May his life be an inspiration to those who revered him.

One can but hope that having given to them the best one had to give, they may gather some idea or thought which will lead them on to other fields and so I say to them:

"I touch my heart
As the Easterns do;
May the peace of Allah
Abide with you."

At the lodge of instruction held at Windsor over six hundred were in attendance.

After all, a district with its official heads but *reflects* the composition of a lodge on a larger scale, and as the welfare and harmony of a lodge depends on its constituent members so the welfare and harmony which should characterize a district depends on each lodge doing its part to make that district a success and worthy of the purpose for which it was created.

In all my visits I was accompanied by large delegations on two occasions numbering fifty; and the presence of visitors was always inspiring and helpful to the lodge visited.

May Masonry in this district continue to lighten the pathway of the human race.

The lodges here are only accepting good material—men that will make Masons in every sense of the word, and in future years be the bone and sinew of the craft. As a further precaution, the lodges are appointing committees for the formation of a Central Masonic Bureau of Information.

I would suggest that a lodge of instruction be held each year in the city where Grand Lodge is held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge and that the newly elected D.D.G.Ms. be required to remain over for it, and in this way they would return to their districts with knowledge that would create a uniformity of work for the province and not for districts as at present.

A goodly number of Past Masters are still (as they should be) keeping in touch with the work, affording that assistance and instruction to their brethren in the inferior degrees which their experience and opportunities for learning have qualified them to render.

The brethren are attentive, enthusiastic, appreciative and patiently waiting for the time when they may be promoted to offices of importance in their respective lodges and have their opportunity of learning more and of proving their

ability and worth to this grand institution. I feel that brethren upon whose shoulders the work of the smaller lodges has fallen are as deserving of as much commendation as the others more fortunately situated, having a larger number of good men to choose from. These rearranged lodges feel somewhat isolated, but like good men and good Masons that they are, submit willingly to the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge.

The W. M. and officers generally are enthusiastic and anxious to do their work as perfectly as possible in accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, capable of managing their lodges with skill and ability as men and Masons should do, and acting in conjunction with their brethren for the betterment of mankind.

I have endeavoured to encourage visiting throughout the district between the various lodges and I find this a splendid way for officers to pick up and work out little points to harmonize with the ritual.

When more money is required Niagara District will not be slow in responding to the call.

The lodge has a large membership and consequently considerable dues are outstanding."

Is this a logical application of the law of cause and effect?

This lodge is blessed with a number of Past Masters who always turn out to the meetings—on deck all the time—with R. W. Bro. D. in the lead.

Someone should always be ready to lead.

I was pleased to note that in this district all the lodges with one exception, have agreed to the plan of contributing to the D.D.G.Ms. regalia and I am just wondering what this one lodge will do when they have one of their distinguished members elected D.D.G.M. of the district.

While the work in conjunction with my private avocation has been heavy it has appealed to me greatly, calling forth my best endeavours and I trust enlarging my vision and broadening my sympathies.

In some lodges the real purport in the exemplification of the degrees is lost sight of, the officers being too easily satisfied with a "letter perfect" recital.

The ceremony in a degree when impressively performed will go far in serving to inspire our thoughts with higher ideals. At the same time a Master whose *only* concern is the exemplification of the degrees to the exclusion of other matters will signally fail both in his duty to himself and his lodge.

I would suggest that Grand Lodge prepare a system of bookkeeping adapted to our work. To this might be added instructions to the Secretary as to his duties.

I have drawn the attention of the brethren to the line of thought presented by each degree and their duty in building a character accordingly

A fine type of manhood has been led to seek admission by the high standard of the order and its unselfish benevolence, which has been so markedly exhibited during the present war—patriotic and Red Cross work having at all times had its co-operation. Others, after having joined our ranks, have given testimony to the high ideals that were presented to them. In the city of London we have now a Masonic home of which we are justly proud, spacious, beautifully decorated and comfortable.

The book of constitution is commended for serious perusal and contemplation to the candidates, after which it is safely and securely put away and taken up only when difficulties have arisen.

By the reception accorded my suggestions that they encourage and utilize music as an adjunct to the ritual, I feel confident that many lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity and added interest will no doubt be the result.

I have endeavoured to keep my fingers on the pulse of Masonry in my district.

The work of the Secretary is heavy. A feature of the monthly notice is a short article on some Masonic truth or virtue which is very acceptable to the brethren. The good advice and assistance of R. W. Bros. ever exert a steadying influence in the lodge.

Any lodge in the district desiring improvement would find in the books of this lodge a model of excellence.

Better ventilation is necessary, and I may say this criticism can be applied to several other lodges in the district.

No lodge of instruction was held owing to the difficulty of securing ample lodge room accommodation and also to the lack of funds to meet expenses incident thereto.

This problem should not be unsolvable. Try an assessment.

The social side of Masonry is liable to be somewhat neglected in our lodges. I do not refer to the serving of refreshments after labour, but to those social functions which might do so much to brighten the lives and widen the views of the members. By the proper use of all the advantages obtainable in a Masonic lodge, Masons in every locality should have the opportunity of leading in every good work and of being the centre of every movement for the advancement of the community.

On every occasion I urged that our charity be exercised abundantly towards those brethren who may be permitted to return home, unfitted to resume their regular occupations.

In a few cases a rehearsal or two and a division of the work so as to retain the active sympathies and assistance of the P.Ms. would make all the improvements anyone could desire.

The Junior officers give promise of becoming efficient leaders of the craft; the members evince a lively interest.

A feature worth noting is the fact that 20 per cent. of the entire membership of this lodge is in the King's uniform and every member present on the evening of my visit was represented at the Front.

Enthused and inspired by the results of our lodge of instruction, this lodge put on a musical third which added greatly to the impressiveness and solemnity of the degree and many Past Masters were present.

The Secretary's books are up to the minute.

Peniwobikong Lodge is an Indian word meaning "the place where the partridge hid its nest," the spot where Blind River now stands, being so named by the Indians many years ago.

I recommend that each lodge appoint an insurance committee whose duty it will be to see that sufficient insurance is carried to adequately protect the lodge against fire. Example: Dymont Lodge; value of lodge belongings \$1,400. Insurance \$300; loss \$1,100.

Meeting after meeting, except when some special event is on, the same few loyal supporters are present. This condition of affairs can be traced in many instances to a lack of initiative on the part of the officers, whose duty it is to see that the meetings are made interesting to newcomers in particular.

A brother does not begin to realize how much pleasure and satisfaction there is in the work of Masonry until he feels that he has something to do. Many of these side-benchers are very competent and well posted Masons who, if encouraged, would gladly present addresses or give talks on the different subjects in a most entertaining and instructive manner.

Interest the ladies, appropriately entertain them and at the same time interest them in the work of Masonry. Impress upon them the necessity of urging their husbands, brothers, fathers or sweethearts, as the case may be, to be prompt and regular in attendance at their lodge meetings, as well as prompt and regular in the payment of their lodge dues. A large number of the ladies are better Masons than their husbands.

Men will never know; they can never know the good that has been done by the simple, commonplace, easily understood lessons of Freemasonry among the great forces working for the betterment of humanity. After all the work of conferring degrees accurately, exemplifying the work attractively, is but a stepping-stone to the true Masonic life.

Particularly to my brethren of both am I grateful for their support, their company, and their automobiles throughout the year.

It seems due to the never ending efforts of a few strong souls that these two lodges continue to exist at all.

Practically every lodge mourns some who will never return. They sleep today beneath the lilies of France because they had a real appreciation of some of the most vital and fundamental truths of our great order.

We shall miss them greatly, but their influence will remain for many years.

Two or three secretaries are slow and somewhat neglectful in making their various reports, and it is, of course, *therefore* probable that these are neglectful and inefficient in other respects but on the whole the lodges are well served by their secretaries.

A word to the wise—and to all!

The general effect was much enhanced by a particularly good candidate.

The keen interest shown by the brethren while the degree work was being performed gave evidence of the anxiety to the members to see their officers do the work in the best possible manner.

The lodge is the third largest in the district and owes most of its success to the loyalty and regular attendance of the Past Masters.

The quality of its members are good, and they possess a good aggressive staff of officers working under a most efficient and able Master.

Hard to beat that combination.

The ambition of this young lodge is not to increase numerically but to instil a true fraternal feeling among its members and those who fraternize with them.

This being a new district I decided as far as possible to make every visit a lodge of instruction by having visiting lodges take part in the work. Thus every member in the district had the privilege of hearing the work in a uniform manner and all getting better acquainted.

They are all young officers in this lodge and they do their work with a snap that is interesting to all in attendance.

The splendid class of men whom I was called upon to represent.

In nearly every case when I had spoken along the higher principles of our institution, the brethren received it as though they had been hungering for something more substantial than the mere working of degrees which convinces me more than ever that possibly we are neglecting in some measure the more important side of Masonry.

The example and lives of the members are attracting the very best manhood in the land.

At St. Clair lodge of instruction at the afternoon session about 350 were in attendance and in the evening about 500.

A banquet which would grace the table of a king.

And in war-time too—but the King is an economist!

They are a fine lot of fellows and a visit among them just makes you feel like another.

The finances are Al, having between two and three thousand dollars to our credit in the banks.

The Benevolence Committee should get hold of this.

It was indeed a masterpiece and was the product of a great deal of thought and study, being brim full of the most choice, most elevating and most instructive truths which are taught within the tyled recesses of the lodge.

To visit each lodge I had to travel about two thousand five hundred miles.

Many members have heard the call of duty and the remainder are keeping the lights of Masonry steadily burning. I find each lodge is ruled by a strong, reliable, trustworthy brother, well up in his work and enjoying the confidence of the members.

I was fortunate in visiting this lodge as on the same evening the Past Masters' Association of the twin cities were paying their annual visit, so that I enjoyed a rare treat.

I always like to see a number taking part in the conferring of the degrees.

During my short addresses I always asked the brethren to rise and drink a silent toast to our members at the Front. As each lodge has its own quota there, this was always participated in very "solemnly."

The above excerpts from the impressions of the D. D. G. Ms. may stimulate interest in the general clauses of the whole district reports.

More than ever during this bi-centenary year,—200 years from the days of the "Goose and Gridiron" of the old mother Grand Lodge,—is the question asked, **How Old is Masonry?** In its principles and truths revealed, it is ageless; in its institutional embodiment in present form it has a definite history. There are, and always have been, for thousands of years, certain immutable finalities—the Level, the Plumb, the Square, the Trowel, the Triangle—these essentials and the eternal verities they stand for, and the real landmarks, have never been varied and have met the needs of men in intellect, imagination, conscience and heart, whereby man is linked to man in the conscious belief that:

"The crest and crowning of all good
Faith's final star is brotherhood."

linked together not merely for the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness to others, but also for

the sterner purpose of slaying the three ruffians who are ignorance, lethargy and vice.

And as there have been certain immutable bases so in life there are certain **indestructible forces and possessions**. The brutal Germans and Turks—fitting co-partners in crime—callous and insensible to the scorn of mankind, with all their diabolical and abominable destructiveness of rapine, murder and sudden death, with all the powers of evil of their barbaric progenitors and prototypes, with all their malignant vindictiveness and torture of prisoners, with all their utter lawlessness and faithlessness, their pitiless, unbounded and deliberate ferocity which rejoices in a debauchery and carnival of the slaughter and drowning of men, women and little children, they cannot destroy the indomitable faith in freedom and native land, they cannot destroy one truth or ideal, one soul or spirit. No principle of duty, no key to the hearts of men or the heart of nature, not one line of poetry, not one piece of music, not one legacy of genius can be destroyed by them. Brute force has its limitations. They may destroy the earthly tabernacles of our brave men, but the spirits of our happy warriors live on "woven into the stuff of other men's lives." Yet we need to rally every strength of our manhood to fight this foe of humanity, to uproot this evil, root and branch and seed. We must rally now to this anvil-stroke of war!

As in the Masonic edifice, so every stone in the monument of our national greatness, was quarried and hewn and polished by the devotion and sacrifice of our fathers, and now by our gallant brothers in the comradeship of high adventure, in the sublime struggle to save nearest and dearest, and the sanctity of home. Duty, manhood, gratitude, and chivalry summon every loyal citizen of Canada to that **Universal National Service**, which the traditions of the past, the needs of the present and the irresistible appeal of our men at the Front proclaim to all ears that are not deaf, to all hearts that are not adamant to all reason that is not warped, to be urgently and imperatively needed at this great crisis of our fate. And there is another appeal to which surely all with a red corpuscle of blood of old France or old Britain in their veins, will respond, the appeal of mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, for in one sense "the keepers of the house do tremble" when the strong men bow themselves. The real war maps of Europe are written in women's hearts; deep calls to deep in their grief and anxiety but their hope is in the aftermath, their trust is in heroic men, and man's extremity is God's opportunity. Our sisters (God bless them!) have made their own a new verse of their National Anthem:

"God save our splendid men,
Bring them safe home again,
God save our men.
Keep them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,
God save our men."

As we have, as it were, re-discovered Masonry during the past 200 years, so in this eventful historic climax the re-discovery of the British Empire that girdles the world, to the British people, has made the homeland doubly dear to us all and awakened our homage to those far-sighted pioneers who in silence, in hardship, but in strength, laid the foundations of the great empire wherein those at home and those beyond the seas have awakened to a new realization that they are bound together by an unbroken chain which threads all the wonderful years of their common history; an indivisible chain of mutual and sincere affection, lawful support, relief, fidelity and truth.

The National Anthem is now sung at every meeting of every lodge, not as a solemn dirge, but as a paean and anthem of triumphant confidence, a precursor of victory. The King's name is a tower of strength, and we are one through the throne.

There are many of our soldier brethren whom the King has delighted to honour, but all, whether decorated or not, have done splendid service, and will share the same throbbing welcome home—"Over the hills of Home, Laddie, Over the Hills of Home"—as those who, having worthily won, will worthily wear the crosses and medals for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As His Majesty said in addressing our men in the trenches and our sailors in the trenches of the deep, in his celebrated **Order of the Day**, "I have decorated many of you—but had I decorated all who deserve recognition for conspicuous valour, there would have been no limit, for the whole army is illustrious. George R. I.

Some have won royal honours, and some have won immortality and answered **adsum** at the sound of the gavel of the King of Kings, the great Grand Master. This year as last year let us pledge them in the silent toast, let us drink the cup of memory.

"And you our brothers who for all our praying,
To this dear lodge of ours come back no more,
Who lie, your country's debt of honour paying,
And not in vain, upon the Belgian shore,
Till that great day when at the throne of heaven,
The books are open and the judgment set,
Your lives for honour and for Empire given,
This lodge will not forget."

In their names, revered forever, and at the Throne of the Most High, we pray for peace with victory, for our children's sake and those we love most dear. And we await, expectant and eager, that universal peace, truly perhaps in one sense interpreted as "**Peace on earth, to all men of good will.**" But whether that peace comes soon or late, we will endure to the end in the old British way—muscled and steeled for the conflict, "and having done all to stand" and we again pledge our constant and steadfast allegiance to the Royal and Loyal Craft and to

Home land, sea land,
Home of the free land.
Loyal thy children,
Wherever they be,
One in thy motherhood,
One in our brotherhood,
One in devotion undying to thee.

WILLIAM N. PONTON,

Chairman of Committee
on Condition of Masonry.

Belleville, July 17th, 1917.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope,
seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condi-
tion of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented
the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro.
W. M. Logan, Chairman of the Committee on the
Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee
on our Fraternal Dead, begs to submit the following report:

It is a good thing that men should stop—should have to
stop—and think, men whose minds are filled with the busi-
ness of the world, and all our own activities and seeming
interests, which loom so large upon the little horizon of our
daily life, but which shrink so small in the presence of the
great leveller,—it is well that we should stop and think and
remember that we, too, like our brethren whom we mourn
today, must pass out into that shadowy home, beyond
whose threshold mortal sight has not the power to pene-
trate.

“The mists of death hang low upon life’s sea;
The unseen shore
Beyond the darkness rises silently
Forevermore;
The golden city flashes from the strand,
But naked eyes see not the distant land.”

Not that we should always meditate on death, or aban-
don all the cheerfulness and brightness of this life because
forsooth, we all must some day die. This world would be a
dreary world were all its people gloomy pessimists, whose
eyes could see only the impenetrable cloud which shrouds
the end of life’s highway, and missed all the many-tinted,

sweetly-perfumed flowers which grow in thick profusion by the roadside. God gave this world for us to live in; and if we wilfully reject the blessings and the bounties which He offers us, then are we in so far ungracious, and delude ourselves with the belief that final happiness can not be won except through sorrow and extremity of pain. Yet should we not be thoughtless, and take no care of things eternal. For life, live it as we may, in sorrow or gladness, is but the preparation for eternity, and, just as our little natures in this world learn to grow and unfold and expand, so will they continue until the fulness of the blossom is achieved in the gardens of that further world, whither are gone those whom we mourn today.

So now, after our ancient custom, we stop a moment in our busy rush, and stand with full hearts while we recall the memory of those our brothers who a year ago walked by our side, shared with us the pressing duties of the hour, helped us, perhaps, to build our castles in the air, but who today have for the moment passed from our sight. And yet for them it must have been a glorious passing! Out of the fogs of man's weakness into the clear sunshine of a nightless day; out of the pains and troubles which fret this feeble life into the boundless health and strength of immortality; out of the doubts and fears which perplex this puny mind into the illimitable knowledge of eternity.

Men of many occupations were they. To write a record of their deeds and virtues would be to embrace the whole circle of a busy man's activities. Men of surpassing worth were they. Perhaps, alas, we do not applaud enough our brother's merit while he lives. It would seem sometimes, indeed, that not till a man dies do we feel the space he fills on this world's stage.

Therefore now we say we miss them; but let us not forget that this our sorrow should not be for them, but for ourselves. Death has been for them nothing more than the preparing room, where they have laid aside their earthly garments, have donned the robes befitting their rank and office, and have been led into that supernal lodge where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever.

In these months and years of bitter trial, when freedom and liberty quiver in the balance, and each of us has some one brother, son or friend, facing death in the blood-soaked fields of Flanders or on the shell-torn slopes of sunny France, the sympathy we give today may be our need tomorrow, and words of comfort for the sorrowing heart, albeit well meant, seem very empty in the final reckoning.

"One writes that 'Other friends remain,'
That 'Loss is common to the race'—
And common is the commonplace,
And vacant chaff well meant for grain.
That loss is common would not make
My own less bitter, rather more:
Too common! Never morning wore
To evening, but some heart did break."

And the lesson of it all—all the business of their life, and all the mystery of their death—the lesson of it all is love. Life is too short for quarrels and bickerings and self-complacency and selfishness. Life is for union and friendliness and companionship and brotherly love, love for the living, and loving memory for the dead.

“The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer,
The headstones thicken along the way;
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us, day by day.
Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly, in love’s sweet tone;
For no man knows, on the morrow whether
We two pass by, or but one alone.”

And so we say the lesson of it all is love, love and prayer; prayer that we may not live in vain; prayer that the loved ones whom we mourn have not lived fruitlessly, but that the goodness and sweetness of their lives may be an inspiration for all of us to better things. Surely the prayer which rises before the throne, echoed by the hearts of hundreds, is no feeble thing, but will work good for all men, but most for us who pray.

WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION.

M.W. BRO. THE HON. JAMES KIRKPATRICK KERR, K.C., P.C., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Past Provincial Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Knights Templar of Canada, Past Grand Principal J. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, of the Supreme Council of England and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada, died in Toronto on December 4th, 1916.

Bro. Kerr was a prominent figure in the public life of this Province, indeed of this Dominion. As a lawyer he achieved distinction in his chosen profession, and was engaged in many important cases. As a politician he rose to the highest grade. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 1903, and became the Speaker of that body in 1909. He was named a member of His Majesty’s Privy Council for Canada in 1911.

Bro. Kerr was admitted into Masonry in 1863, in Ionic Lodge Toronto. In 1865 he was elected Master of that lodge, holding the office for two years, and was subsequently elected three times District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District. In 1874 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1875 succeeded to the Grand Mastership, which office he held for two years. He was the representative in Canada of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Texas and Utah. He was the representative here of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and also of the Sovereign Great Priory of England. In 1883 he received at the hands of the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII., the order of the Grand Cross of the Temple.

His was a busy career, and in the course of a long life of over seventy-five years he served the Church, the State and his brethren well and wisely. He lived respected and died regretted.

R. W. BRO. DONALD McPHIE, P.D.D.G.M., Hamilton District No. 8, Died 8th August, 1916.

R. W. BRO. ALFRED B. HURRELL, P.D.D.G.M., Niagara District No. 10. Died 9th October, 1916.

R. W. BRO. FRED. HOLWELL, P.D.D.G.M., Wellington District No. 7. Died 3rd November, 1916.

R. W. BRO. DAVID A. NESBIT, P.D.D.G.M., Frontenac District No. 14. Died 8th January, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JAMES M. SMITH, P.D.D.G.M., Frontenac District No. 14. Died 8th January, 1917.

R. W. BRO. MOSES MACFADDEN, P.D.D.G.M., Nipissing District No. 18. Died 10th January, 1917.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM A. QUIBELL, P.D.D.G.M., Algoma District No. 17. Died 25th February, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JOHN E. D'AVIGNON, P.G.S.W. Died 5th March, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JOHN HULL, P.D.D.G.M., Otonabee District No. 20. Died 30th March, 1917.

R. W. BRO. ROBERT C. BRUCE, P.D.D.G.M., North Huron District No. 5. Died 31st March, 1917.

R. W. BRO. REV. A. J. F. COBB, P.G. Chaplain. Died 8th April, 1917.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM H. ROBINSON, P.D.D.G.M., Hamilton District No. 8. Died 8th April, 1917.

R. W. BRO. R. L. PATTERSON, P.G.S.W. Died 21st April, 1917.

R. W. BRO. WILLIAM MILNER, P.D.D.G.M., London District No. 2. Died 14th May, 1917.

R. W. BRO. JOHN P. FEATHERSTON, P.D.D.G.M., Ottawa District No. 16. Died 17th June, 1917.

V. W. BRO. SAMUEL WESLEY, P.G.D. of Ceremonies. Died 5th July, 1916.

V. W. BRO. JAMES S. SCARFF, Past Grand Steward. Died 4th October, 1916.

V. W. BRO. ROBERT F. MORROW, P. Asst. Grand Secretary. Died 2nd January, 1917.

V. W. BRO. JAMES GIBSON, P.G. D. of Ceremonies. Died 14th March, 1917.

V. W. BRO. JOHN C. KELLS, Past Grand Steward. Died 15th March, 1917.

V. W. BRO. W. J. HALLETT, P. G. Steward. Died 28th March, 1917.

V. W. BRO. L. W. COUTLEE, P. G. Organist. Died 3rd May, 1917.

IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM MITCHELL SHAVER, P.G. M. Grand Lodge of Kansas. 6th July, 1916.

M. W. BRO. JONAS BROWN, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Idaho. 15th September, 1916.

M. W. BRO. ABRAHAM TOLLES METCALF, P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Michigan. 28th October, 1916.

M. W. BRO. ALBERT BARTLETT ASHLEY, P.G. M. Grand Lodge of Illinois. 1st November, 1916.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM GEORGE BENNETT, P.G. M. Grand Lodge of West Virginia. 8th November, 1916.

M. W. BRO. NEIL ROBINSON, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of West Virginia. 11th November, 1916.

M. W. BRO. CAMPBELL WELLS, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Missouri. 14th December, 1916.

M. W. BRO. ZUINGLE M. BAIRD, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Nebraska. 17th December, 1916.

M. W. BRO. JAMES H. FARNUM, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Michigan. 19th January, 1917.

M. W. BRO. GEORGE E. GRIMES, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Indiana. 30th January, 1917.

M. W. BRO. JOHN SILAS BROOKS, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Mississippi. 17th March, 1917.

M. W. BRO. SAMUEL PASCO, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Florida. 13th March, 1917.

M. W. BRO. ARCHIBALD W. CAMPBELL, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Texas. 1st April, 1917.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM HENRY MEFFERT, P.G. M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky. 10th April, 1917.

M. W. BRO. ALFRED W. EMERY, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Indiana. 12th April, 1917.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM M. BLACK, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. 9th May, 1917.

M. W. BRO. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of New York. 10th May, 1917.

M. W. BRO. LEO. EDMOND BENNETT, P.G.M. and Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. 28th May 1917.

M. W. BRO. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New York. 28th May, 1917.

M. W. BRO. JAMES CARNELL, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Florida. 17th June, 1917.

M. W. Bro. JAMES McCORMICK, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Connecticut. 24th June, 1917.

If in this list of those whom we shall see no more upon this earth there is some dear one whom we mourn, reverently and tenderly voice his name, and leave him to his rest, believing.

“That he wears a truer crown
Than any wreath that man can weave him;
God accept him, Christ receive him.”

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. LOGAN,

Chairman.

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, which upon motion by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot for the Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes and for the place of holding the next Annual Communication, directed them to collect the ballot and report the result to Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd (27), Hamilton, Chairman; W. Bros. F. W. Brown (185), York; A. H. Edwards (63), Carleton Place; R. Hawkes (24), Smith's Falls; V. W. Bro. G. B. Perry (382), Hamilton; W. Bros. E. J. Madill (362), Tara; W. R. Ledger (384), Toronto; A. A. McKenzie (467), Tottenham; J. W. West (400), Oakville; C. L. Pearce (434), Emsdale; A. W. Bell (249), Midland; J. T. Foster (466), Elmvale; J. A. Underhill (415), Fort William; J. A. Hocking (58), Ottawa; J. D. Harkness (143), Iroquois; E. J. Whitworth (57), Binbrook; D. R. McRae (408), Beaverton; A. E. Bolster (326), Toronto; A. A. Anderson (423), Sundridge; J. R. Steadman (194), Petrolia; Paul Lumsden (513), Hamilton; E. B. Phelps (437), Sarnia; D. A. Husband (312), Wallaceburg; G. A. Todd (348), Penetanguishene; A. C. DeMille (18), Picton; A. Spittal (57), Binbrook; M. Huff (164), Wellington; W. E. Connor (48), Madoc.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge were called for, as provided by the Constitution.

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 4.30 o'clock p.m., to meet again at nine o'clock on July 19th.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, July 19, 1917.

The Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9 o'clock a.m., M. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Grand Master on the throne; Grand Officers, members and representatives present.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION, CONSIDERATION OF

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, and

Resolved, That Item 12 of Section 245 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

For every member of each lodge one dollar per annum, of which eighty cents shall be used for benevolent purposes only, and twenty cents shall be paid into the general fund.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden and seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope

That Section 215 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of ten dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

The motion was declared lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John Kerr Bryden, seconded by M. W. Bro. The Hon. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That Section 3 of the Constitution respecting representation at Grand Lodge meetings by proxy be amended by adding thereto the following:

Except in Algoma District No. 17, where any lodge in the district may appoint a proxy resident in the district who is not a member of the lodge, and such proxy shall not represent more than three lodges.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by representatives of the Lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

No.	District	D.D.G.M.	P.O. Address
1.	Erie.....	James L. Baird.....	Kingsville
1a.	Erie.....	Jos. M. Conway.....	West Lorne
2.	St. Clair.....	Edward E. Bond.....	Mt. Brydges
3.	London.....	Wilbur H. Dunlop.....	Kintore
4.	South Huron.....	Fred. Porterfield.....	Mitchell
5.	North Huron.....	Hugh Hyndman.....	Palmerston
6.	Wilson.....	Wm. I. Atkin.....	Springfield
7.	Wellington.....	George DeKleinhans.....	Kitchener
8.	Hamilton.....	Jos. F. Senn.....	Glanford Sta.
9.	Georgian.....	John Little.....	Allandale
10.	Niagara.....	Chas. J. Didemus.....	Niagara Falls S.
11.	Toronto West.....	Allan B. Rice.....	Toronto
11a.	Toronto East.....	Wm. S. Ormiston.....	Uxbridge
11b.	Toronto Centre.....	Charles Murphy.....	Toronto
12.	Ontario.....	Thos. E. Kaiser.....	Oshawa
13.	Prince Edward.....	Alex. H. Watson.....	Madoc
14.	Frontenac.....	Wm. J. Shannon.....	Napanee
15.	St. Lawrence.....	Abraham S. Knapp.....	Brockville
16.	Ottawa.....	Robert H. Grant.....	Hazeldean
17.	Algoma.....	Albert R. Mills.....	Fort William
18.	Nipissing.....	Wm. G. White.....	Blind River
19.	Muskoka.....	Mungo P. McKay.....	Bracebridge
20.	Victoria.....	John F. Allin.....	Peterborough
21.	Eastern.....	Frank T. Shaver.....	Aultsville
22.	Temiscaming.....	Homer W. Sutcliffe.....	New Liskeard
23.	Brant.....	Wm. J. Logie.....	Paris
24.	Bruce.....	Jas. A. McDonald.....	Tara
25.	Grey.....	John McQuaker.....	Owen Sound

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters (with the exception of R. W. Bro. Wm.

G. White, D.D.G.M. of Nipissing District No. 18) and they were duly proclaimed and saluted with grand honours. R. W. Bro. C. W. McCrea, P.D. D.G.M. of District No. 18, was authorized and instructed to install and invest R. W. Bro. White, of District No. 18, at the earliest convenient date.

Subsequently it was reported to the Grand Secretary that the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 18 above-named had been duly installed and invested as directed on August 6th, 1917

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Special Committee appointed to consider the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master begs to report:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Special Committee on the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address, concurs in the remarks of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master as to the Historic and Masonic references to this old and noted Masonic district, of which the beautiful city of Belleville is the centre.

The Board suggests that the exceedingly able address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master should be read by every member of the craft in this jurisdiction, and especially his references to the terrible war our empire is engaged in and which, though now so long drawn out, it is hoped is fast nearing the end.

The Board recommends that the representatives appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be approved by Grand Lodge.

It is very satisfactory to find that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is able to report that peace and harmony prevail in this large jurisdiction; that our financial affairs are in an excellent condition; and that our membership has materially increased notwithstanding the war.

With reference to the decisions of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Board recommends to Grand Lodge that they be approved, except the first, which refers

to the affiliation of a brother of this jurisdiction with a lodge in Jamaica who had first beomec demitted from his mother lodge before such affiliation.

With deference, the Board is of the opinion that the brother became, as soon as his demit was granted by a lodge in this jurisdiction, an unaffiliated Mason, and to become affiliated again in this jurisdiction he must comply with sections 205 and 212 of the Constitution by which he must apply by petition in a proper and constitutional manner.

The Board, therefore, recommends to Grand Lodge that the above decision be not approved; but that the action of the lodge, under the circumstances, be approved by Grand Lodge and the brother held to be in good standing.

The Board recommends that the appointments made by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be approved by Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends that the alteration in the charge to the newly initiated candidate be approved by Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends approval of the Committee appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to reorganize the Grand Secretary's office as to the matters referred to in the Grand Master's address.

Assistance in the office is absolutely necessary at as early a date as possible; and the cards, of which there are we understand, 85,000 ready, should immediately be deposited in a place of security.

Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the number of visits the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been able to make during the year, and the Board has no doubt they have been very beneficial to the craft whose lodges were so honoured.

Grand Lodge made no mistake in the election of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master who has carried on the government and the traditions of the craft in so able a manner, and notes with pleasure that his activity in Masonic affairs is to be continued, for, we trust, very many years.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. MACWATT.

E. T. MALONE.

J. H. BURRITT.

A. T. FREED.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MUSICAL RITUAL.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Musical Ritual beg to report as follows:

1. Since the last meeting of Grand Lodge we have made very satisfactory progress, and have now succeeded in having the Hymnal section of the work practically completed. Excellent progress has been made with the chant section, and it will be completed at an early date.

2. The press work will be under the supervision of Bro. Dr. Albert Ham, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, and Bro. James Edmund Jones, both recognized authorities in work of this kind.

3. Sufficient progress has been made to enable us to submit to Grand Lodge a sample copy of the hymns for inspection, and it is expected that the first issue will be completed, ready for delivery, early in October.

4. We recommend that the completed work be retailed at the price of fifty cents per copy.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on Musical Ritual be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the fol-

lowing report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes; and the place of holding the next annual communication.

- M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Grand Master.
 R.W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
 R.W. Bro. W. O. Adams, Belleville, Grand Senior Warden.
 R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Fluker, Smith's Falls, Grand Junior Warden.
 R.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrnes, North Bay, Grand Chaplain.
 M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 R.W. Bro. John Parsell, Wexford, Grand Registrar.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R.W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Toronto.
 R.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Belleville.
 V.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy.
 R.W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Ottawa.
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grimsby.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of Windsor, Ontario, was chosen as the next meeting place for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

CALLED OFF.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 11.45 a.m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2 o'clock p.m.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malione, P.G.M., assisted by M. W. Bros. S. A. Luke and J. H. Burritt, installed and invested the newly elected Grand Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary grand honours.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term:

- R.W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, Kingston, for one year.
 R.W. Bro. N. J. McAulay, Haileybury, for two years.
 W. Bro. Milton Wilbee, Brantford “
 R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Hamilton “
 V.W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, Toronto “
 R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Napanee “

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased at a subsequent date to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

- V.W. Bro. Daniel A. Chater, Windsor, Grand Senior Deacon
 V.W. Bro. George H. Berry, Westport, Grand Junior Deacon
 V.W. Bro. George Forbes, Beachburg, Grand Supt. of Works
 V.W. Bro. John Hooper, Hamilton, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 V.W. Bro. Arthur F. Sprott, Toronto, Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
 V.W. Bro. Robert B. Magill, Toronto, Assistant Grand Secretary.
 V.W. Bro. Edward B. Phelps, Sarnia, Grand Sword Bearer
 V.W. Bro. Herbert F. E. Kent, Toronto, Grand Organist
 V.W. Bro. Hugh A. Ross, Smith's Falls, Asst. Grand Organist.
 V.W. Bro. Daniel E. Russell, Brantford, Grand Pursuivant.

GRAND STEWARDS.

- V.W. Bro. Robt. W. Johnson, St. Thomas.
 V.W. Bro. Chris A. Whitwam, London.
 V.W. Bro. Thomas L. Sinclair, St. Marys.
 V.W. Bro. Joseph Ainley, Listowel.
 V.W. Bro. George H. Awde, Drayton.
 V.W. Bro. Samuel Prudhomme, Beamsville.
 V.W. Bro. Frank Elvins, Belleville.
 V.W. Bro. Wm. A. Simpson, Sault Ste. Marie.
 V.W. Bro. Albert J. Collins, Burk's Falls.
 V.W. Bro. John A. Lucas, Haliburton.
 V.W. Bro. Daniel W. McLeod, Cobalt.
 V.W. Bro. Charles Mason, Shelburne.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

- V.W. Bro. Henry S. Keyes, Colborne.
 V.W. Bro. Geo. W. McKay, Ingersoll.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby most heartily and cheerfully tendered to the Masons of Belleville, the citizens, and more especially to the

women of Belleville for their unbounded and almost overwhelming hospitality extended to the members of Grand Lodge on this their third visit to the City. Such a reception has never been equalled, much less surpassed. It is a matter of common expression amongst us that this has been the most pleasant visit in our experience. Their complete accomplishment in obtaining more than sufficient accommodation for the large number of Masons attending this communication is most praiseworthy. This meeting will long be remembered

Moved by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Lt.-Col. D. Barragar, C.O. 15 Regiment Argyle Light Infantry, C. E. F., for the use of the Armouries and the many offices therein, so well adapted for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Belleville for the excellent accommodation provided and kindly attentions shown to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials and the Scrutineers of the Ballot, for the valuable services rendered by them at this annual communication.

Moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master appoint a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke for his painstaking and brilliant efforts in the conduct of Grand Lodge affairs during the past two years.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and J. H. Burritt and R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. Ms.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone would instruct the newly

installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at four o'clock p.m.



Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1917,

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

No of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara	C. D. Currie	C. W. Inksater
3	aAnct. St. John's	Kingston	Alex. W. Richardson	A. W. Cathcart
5	aSussex	Brockville	J. A. Gray	Geo. K. Dewey
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. Davis	W. H. F. Whateley
7	Union	Grimsbly	Jas. Aitchison	Jno. H. Foreman
9	aUnion	Napanee	J. S. H. Derry	W. J. Shannon
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	H. A. Johnson	R. E. Gunton
11	aMoira	Belleville	Hy. A. Morgan	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	A. W. Monnery	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Hy. T. Harper	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence	J. D. Keachie
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Wm. DeLany	Robt. Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	A. C. DeMille	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. John's	London	Neil McGill	Rich Booth
21	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	J. L. Mitchener	Geo. Chalmers
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	E. A. Dolson	Donald Mackay
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	G. F. Allen	H. A. Nicholls
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	C. W. McBride	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	A. C. McMaster	R. A. Robinson
26	aOntario	Port Hope	E. H. Fogarty, Jr.	J. H. Magill
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	E. J. Leith	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMt. Zion	Kemptville	H. Bustard	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	O. L. Morrow	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	Fred. J. Gale	W. M. Jermyn
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	C. A. Cawker	J. S. Moorecraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	J. T. Masson	S. W. Lymburner
33	aMaitland	Goderich	R. J. Megaw	John Straiton
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	J. R. Taylor	S. E. M. Taylor
35	St. John's	Cayuga	John Warner	J. W. Sheppard
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	A. R. Burrows	Geo. Naylor
38	aTrent	Trenton	S. Cottrell	W. H. James
39	aMt. Zion	Brooklin	John T. Guy	John J. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson	Jas. F. Mercer
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Ross G. Lutes	Geo. S. Goodeve
42	aSt. George's	London	L. A. Boss	A. Ellis
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie	R. L. Revell
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	Angus Taylor	F. W. Judd
45	Brant	Brantford	W. E. Lochead	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	Jos. H. Sullivan	Benj. Rothwell
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	John W. Adams	John Fry
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Frank Smith	W. E. Connor
50	aConsecon	Consecon	Rev. S. E. Morton	H. F. Lea
52	Dalhouse	Ottawa	F. A. Wright	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	Jas. T. Pollock	Wm. J. Oliver
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	T. J. Watchorn	G. R. Putnam
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	Jas. F. Newton	A. B. Johnston
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	G. W. Houston	E. J. Whitworth
58	aDoric	Ottawa	J. B. Spencer	J. A. Ross
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	Arthur Lavis	C. E. Kelly
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	Chas. S. Springer	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	W. J. Porterfield	A. H. Edwards
64	aKilwinning	London	Chas. W. McGuire	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	Wm. H. Stainton	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	H. S. Britton	J. A. Butler, M.D.
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	W. J. Peters	L. H. Thompson
69	Stirling	Stirling	T. E. B. Yeates	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Jas. Ritchie	M. A. Secord
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	N. L. Brandon	Thos. L. Sinclair
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	Roy McDonald	F. L. Bissell
75	St. John's	Toronto	C. F. Boddy	T. Forsyth
76	aOxford	Woodstock	W. J. Salter	J. W. Dutton

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
2	W. on or b.f.m.		1	1							1	105	27 Dec. 1916
3	1st Thursday	14	17	17	2	2	2				1	277	24 June 1917
5	3rd Monday	10	9	10	1	2	5	5				295	"
6	2nd Wednesday	11	12	9	3	1	7	5			1	462	"
7	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	5	9	1	2	3				1	162	"
9	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	21	20	17	9	1	4				1	191	"
10	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	6	8	1	3	5					156	"
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	15	15	15		1	4	5			4	304	"
14	1st Monday	1										128	27 Dec. 1916
15	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	15	15	15	6	2	2				1	170	24 June 1917
16	2nd Tuesday	33	33	30	5	7	4	3				508	"
17	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	10	9			1					178	"
18	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4	4	3	3	7			1	230	"
20	2nd Tuesday	21	18	17	6	1	3	3				349	"
21a	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	1		1					1	67	"
22	2nd Thursday	33	29	28	5	6	3	5				397	"
23	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1	4	4	2	2	1	2				69	"
24	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5		2	1				1	175	"
25	1st Tuesday	3	4	4	2	3	6					322	"
26	3rd Friday	13	10	6	1	1	2				1	155	"
27	3rd Friday	18	15	15	3	3	7				1	455	"
28	Friday bef. F. M.	6	1		1	3		1				83	"
29	Tue. on or brf. F. M.	6	2	3	1		3	1				137	"
30	1st Friday	8	9	9	5	2	2	5				107	"
31	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	13	8	10	4	1	4					160	"
32	Wed. on or aft. F. M.	11	10	5			2					156	"
33	2nd Tuesday	8	11	13	8	3	6	8			2	194	"
34	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	3	1	1		2				133	"
35	Thur. on or aft. F. M.						1					91	27 Dec. 1916
37	1st Friday	18	19	15	5	3	4	8			2	167	24 June 1917
38	Tuesday before F. M.	23	18	14	1	1	3	2				183	"
39	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1										65	"
40	3rd Thursday	23	23	16	7	5	10	7			2	550	"
41	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	16	8	8	1		3					188	"
42	1st Thursday	14	3	3	1	1	1					205	"
43	1st Tuesday	24	18	22		2	6	9				313	"
44	1st Thursday	17	16	17	7	5	6	2			2	394	"
45	2nd Tuesday	29	28	22	3	4	6	9			3	345	"
46	1st Monday	11	11	5	2	5	5	5				274	"
47	1st Thursday	45	39	37	3	5	9				1	698	"
48	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	11	6	2	3	8	5					274	"
50	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1										71	27 Dec. 1916
52	1st Tuesday	22	24	22	7		1				2	374	24 June 1917
54	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3				3				51	"
55	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2			2	3				115	"
56	1st Tuesday	23	17	20	4	1	3	10			1	277	"
57	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	9	12	9	1	3						142	"
58	1st Friday	19	17	20	7	2	6				1	256	"
61	2nd Friday	33	27	25	2	2	4	3			5	560	"
62	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	6	3	3	1						94	"
63	2nd Friday	10	5	5	1	3	1	2				207	"
64	3rd Friday	10	6	8			4	2			3	270	"
65	1st Thursday	16	16	13	1	5	9	9			1	487	"
66	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	5		3	1	4				63	"
68	3rd Friday	11	8	10	3						3	125	"
69	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	7	5	4	1	1	1				1	118	"
72	Last Tuesday	7	6	6		15	4		1			178	"
73	1st Monday	4	4	1		3	2	6				121	"
74	Monday nearest F. M.	2	2	2		2		1				80	"
75	1st Monday	6	4	2	3	3	5	3			2	309	"
76	2nd Monday	18	15	16	4	5	2	8			5	262	"

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1917,

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	L. R. Knight.....	R. G. Corneil.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	W. S. McDonald.....	Hy. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	J. G. Gray.....	Frank Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.....	J. A. McGugan.....	Wm. Young.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	Wm. H. Rutherford.....	John Newton.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	A. J. Stoner.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	Wm. McEwan.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	H. R. Bright.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	Rich. T. Lewis.....	John B. Mill.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	Edward Kirk.....	R. M. Stewart.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	J. W. Marshall.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	E. L. Connolly.....	W. T. Herrington.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	W. N. McDougall.....	G. M. Peebles.....
92	aCatawaqui.....	Kingston.....	H. A. Graham.....	Robt. Hendry.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	Robt. Ross.....	M. J. MacPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	Andrew Quinn.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	John B. Barr.....	A. H. Fell.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	M. G. Terry.....	Jas. M. Milne.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	W. R. Bateman.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	H. E. Whyte.....	Thos. H. Hill.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	Jas. D. Small.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	W. R. Morris.....	C. F. Mason.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	A. P. McIntosh.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	Edwin Irwin.....	G. W. Poldon.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	C. H. Stringer.....	C. J. Didemus.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	Frank Casiner.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Roy Bower.....	H. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	Wm. T. Scott.....	T. J. Rawlinson.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	Thos. H. Watson.....	Roy E. Deline.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	O. W. Connell.....	Edward McNally.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	J. H. McMichael.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	L. O. Pearse.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	Mark Frampton.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	Geo. Sutherland.....	H. S. Clerke.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	A. F. Kay.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	Winzlo Thompson.....	E. P. Shephard.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	N. D. Munro.....	Emerson Cascadden.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	E. M. Blacker.....	Jas. C. Spence.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	H. J. Smith.....	Hugh Macdonald.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	J. A. Faulkner.....	D. Barragar.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	Wm. O. Relyea.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	Wesley Stephens.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	Best Sprung.....	E. R. Youngs.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	Jas. S. Fraser.....	D. W. Blakely.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	J. E. Hill.....	J. G. McDonald.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	R. B. Hillmer.....	F. Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	Norman J. Dore.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	M. S. Sproat.....	J. W. Crozier.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	W. J. Thompson.....	E. S. Barker.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	A. G. Bright.....	F. H. Finley.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	C. E. Hare.....	H. A. Saunders.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	E. O. Whitesides.....	J. R. Woods.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	C. G. Thomson.....	A. J. Blowes.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	W. E. Thorn.....	B. A. Herring.....
143	aFriendly Bros.....	Iroquois.....	John D. Harkness.....	S. W. Wood.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Rev. Robt. Martin.....	H. J. Barker.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	T. A. Kelly.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....
146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	Delbert Sexsmith.....	Thos. I. Winter.....
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	H. W. Lundy.....	W. S. Boyd.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	J. F. Davey.....	Robt. Telford.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	G. A. Teeple.....	F. C. Henderson.....
151	aGrand River.....	Kitchener.....	W. H. Williams.....	P. Fisher.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	John G. Brown.....	P. Parker.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	H. E. Lankin.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	Geo. A. Macdonald.....	W. H. Walkey.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	Arthur McKennedy.....	Henry C. Cooper.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro.....	J. B. Pinkerton.....	W. G. Bawden.....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With-drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D	Suspen. U. M. C	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
77	1st Friday	13	18	20	5	2	6	5			1	276	24 June 1917
78	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	5	1	5	2	5			1	181	"
79	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	5	5	3		1					85	"
81	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1			4					83	"
82	2nd Tuesday	6	5	4	2	5	2					117	"
83	Friday on or aft. F. M.	6	5	3	1	1	1					144	27 Dec. 1916
84	Friday on or aft. F. M.	11	5	5		2	3	5			3	86	24 June 1917
85	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		1						78	"
86	3rd Tuesday	27	27	19	3	3	8	4			1	405	"
87	Friday on or bef. F. M.	8	7	5	1		2					118	"
88	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	4		4	2	13				188	"
90	2nd Tuesday											216	24 June 1916
91	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	5	1	2	3					105	24 June 1917
92	2nd Friday	25	23	21	3	1	7	1				312	"
93	1st Wednesday	3	1	1	1	1						125	"
94	2nd Tuesday	5	4	2			1					85	"
96	1st Thursday	7	9	8	2	7	3	1				216	"
97	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	5	1		2					83	"
98	Fri. aft. F. M.	1	1	1		2		1				61	"
99	2nd Wednesday	3	2	4	1	2						73	"
100	2nd Monday	16	18	20	4	4	2	2			1	218	"
101	3rd Friday	7	7	8	2	3	3					183	"
103	Last Thursday	25	20	20	1	1	2	6				268	"
104	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	3	3	1		2					118	"
105	2nd Tuesday	9	8	7		1	3	5			5	174	"
106	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	2								83	27 Dec. 1916
107	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2			1				1	94	24 June 1917
108	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	2	1	1	3					66	"
109	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	9								109	"
110	1st Tuesday	9	9	8	1			2			2	145	"
113	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	4		3	4					155	"
114	1st Friday	21	16	14	2	3	4	12				185	"
115	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	7	6	1		3					146	"
116	Mon. on or bef. F. M.		2	2	1	1						43	"
118	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	4		1		3			1	69	"
119	Monday before F. M.	3	3	3			1	3			1	67	"
120	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1		2						48	"
121	3rd Friday	28	22	20	2	2	2	7			1	513	"
122	1st Monday	11	10	5		3						137	"
123	1st Thursday	16	12	15	1	2	9	16			3	259	"
125	1st Wednesday	4	3	3	2							145	"
126	1st Tuesday	17	12	2	1	2	1	4			1	129	"
127	Monday before F. M.	14	14	10	2	2	2	2				131	"
128	1st Thursday	7	7	9	1	2	4					184	"
129	1st Friday	8	6	5	2							107	"
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.			1			1					82	"
133	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		6	4					101	"
135	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	2			1	13				116	24 June 1916
136	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	1	3	3	1	3		3				55	24 June 1917
137	Fri. nearest F. M.	8	8	6				5				126	"
139	2nd Tuesday	7	8	3	2		6	3				154	"
140	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	8	6	1	5					2	134	"
141	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	7	2			1				85	"
142	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5								75	"
143	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2	1		2	1				103	"
144	3rd Friday	23	16	14	9	5	8	4			1	285	"
145	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3		1						72	"
146	Wed. bef. F. M.	3	2	2		1						85	27 Dec. 1916
147	1st Friday	2	4	4		1	2					103	21 June 1917
148	2nd Tuesday	8	8	6	4	3	5					257	"
149	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	6	4		1		2				97	"
151	2nd Tuesday	21	13	7	6	4	5	4			2	229	"
153	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5	1		1	1				111	"
154	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	9	7	5			1	4				93	"
155	1st Friday	15	9	8	2	4	4	7				274	"
156	3rd Friday	22	19	20		3	6				2	252	"
157	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	1	1	1	1				1	75	"

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
158	a Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	E. H. Zavitz.....	John W. Sauvey.....
159	a Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	Benj. H. Conley.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	a Percy.....	Warkworth.....	P. S. Ewing.....	A. M. Smale.....
162	a Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	D. M. McTavish.....	Gavin Davidson.....
164	a Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	Morris Huff.....	L. G. Dorland.....
165	a Burlington.....	Burlington.....	A. Homer.....	Jas. S. Allen.....
166	a Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	Chas. I. Stewart.....	R. H. Dewar.....
168	a Merritt.....	Welland.....	A. J. J. Brennan.....	H. E. Dawdy.....
169	a Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	F. A. Ward.....	D. Burt.....
170	a Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	L. T. DeLacey.....	L. C. Jackson.....
171	a Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	John C. Dundas.....	D. E. Patterson.....
172	a Ayr.....	Ayr.....	Jas. M. Scott.....	R. L. Anderson.....
174	a Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	C. S. Buck.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	R. S. Simpson.....	H. H. Cairns.....
178	a Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	J. E. Bristow.....	W. R. Henderson.....
180	a Speed.....	Guelph.....	Thos. Wright.....	Geo. R. Coombs.....
181	a Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	Chas. Sampson.....	W. C. Loucks.....
184	a Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	Fred. T. Armstrong.....	W. A. Wilson.....
185	a Enniskillen.....	York.....	F. W. Brown.....	A. Renshaw.....
186	a Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	W. Wilson.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	a Belmont.....	Belmont.....	John P. McLarty.....	John F. Turner.....
192	a Orillia.....	Orillia.....	Geo. A. Sinclair.....	G. A. Cole.....
193	a Scotland.....	Scotland.....	H. C. Scott.....	J. A. Messecar.....
194	a Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	Jos. R. Steadman.....	Thos. Bicknell.....
195	a Tuscan.....	London.....	Wm. C. Falls.....	J. E. Magee.....
196	a Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	L. A. Whyte.....	Henry Newham.....
197	a Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	C. B. Robinson.....	R. H. McKay.....
200	a St. Alban's.....	Mt. Forest.....	Robt. Galbraith.....	John E. Robertson.....
201	a Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	Walter Cox.....	A. B. Munroe.....
203	a Irvine.....	Elora.....	Robt. D. Cardno.....	Thos. Godfrey.....
205	a New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Jas. A. Vance.....	John Katzenmeier.....
207	a Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	T. A. G. Hodgins.....	W. N. McGillis.....
209	a Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	K. W. Cameron.....	B. A. C. Caldwell.....
209a	a St. Johns.....	London.....	J. B. Smith.....	J. E. Keenleyside.....
215	a Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	Mahlon G. Eckert.....	Jas. E. Glenn.....
216	a Harris.....	Orangeville.....	R. A. Scott.....	A. E. Annis.....
217	a Frederick.....	Delhi.....	J. S. Harding.....	Arthur Gerhard.....
218	a Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	J. J. Buchanan.....	H. C. H. Cornell.....
219	a Credit.....	Georgetown.....	W. L. Hamilton.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	a Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	David A. Turner.....	V. M. Hare.....
221	a Mountain.....	Thorold.....	W. W. Grenville.....	H. C. Mawdesley.....
222	a Marmora.....	Marmora.....	W. A. Sanderson.....	W. C. Inkster.....
223	a Norwood.....	Norwood.....	R. G. Lawlor.....	Chas. I. Puffer.....
224	a Zurich.....	Hensall.....	Robt. Dalrymple.....	A. W. E. Hemphill.....
225	a Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Alex. Sutherland.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	a Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	C. S. Parrott.....	Robt. Bennett.....
229	a Ionic.....	Brampton.....	R. W. Lowry.....	W. J. Fenton.....
230	a Kerr.....	Barrie.....	J. F. Craig.....	W. N. Duff.....
231	a Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Robt. Shaw.....	C. B. Patten.....
232	a Cameron.....	Dutton.....	D. J. Galbraith.....	A. A. Morrison.....
233	a Doric.....	Parkhill.....	A. B. Gilbert.....	Dr. Geo. A. Fraser.....
234	a Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	Wm. E. Johnston.....	Wm. Reekie.....
235	a Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	Thos. Muir.....	H. B. Putnam.....
236	a Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	F. G. Campbell.....	W. G. Mackay.....
237	a Vienna.....	Vienna.....	Geo. W. Garrett.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	a Havelock.....	Watford.....	F. O. McIveen.....	W. L. Millar.....
239	a Tweed.....	Tweed.....	T. S. McCrea.....	W. W. Garrett.....
242	a Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	Gilbert G. Root.....	F. H. Mallory.....
243	a St. George.....	St. George.....	Wm. B. Ronald.....	J. McNeilly.....
245	a Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	D. M. Winter.....	Robt. Pye.....
247	a Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	Carl W. Rous.....	W. H. Best.....
249	a Caledonian.....	Midland.....	A. W. Bell.....	W. H. Thornton.....
250	a Thistle.....	Embro.....	Donald McLeod.....	Columbus Ross.....
253	a Minden.....	Kingston.....	H. J. Milne.....	T. D. Minnes.....
254	a Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	Wm. M. Church.....	S. muel Warren.....
255	a Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	M. S. Blackburn.....	Rev. T. H. Inns.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With-drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
158	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	4	2	4		3	1				1	79	24 June 1917
159	Tue. on or bef. F. M.			1		3		3			1	66	"
161	Wed. bef. F. M.	1	2	2		4	1					77	"
162	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		1		3			2	43	"
164	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	2	2	1	2	2					133	"
165	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	5		1	1	3			1	157	"
166	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	6		2					1	165	"
168	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	17	13	17	1	3					1	170	"
169	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	7		4	3					103	"
170	1st Monday	4	4	5	1	4						132	"
171	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	2	1							52	"
172	2nd Monday						1	2			1	53	"
174	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	4				1				88	"
177	2nd Friday	17	19	19	6	1	8	5			1	312	"
178	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	5								58	"
180	1st Tuesday	15	18	18	2	1	1				2	188	"
181	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	2	1	1	1				3	51	"
184	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	8				4				109	"
185	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	8	5	1	1		2				39	"
186	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	1			1	1	5				50	"
190	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	9	1	2		3				79	"
192	1st Friday	28	20	22	1	2	4	7				296	"
193	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	7		3	1	1			2	91	"
194	2nd Wednesday	15	8	11	1		2	5				166	"
195	1st Monday	17	13	13	6	2	1					159	"
196	2nd Monday	6	7	6		2	1				1	115	"
197	2nd Tuesday	9	10	8	2	3						92	"
200	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	2			2					82	27 Dec. 1916
201	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	15	10	9	2	3	2	3				211	"
203	3rd Friday	6	6	6				1				101	"
205	Mon. after F. M.	4	4	5		1						43	"
207	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2			1					128	"
209	1st Tuesday	2	1	1		1	1					48	"
209a	1st Friday	33	23	29	1	3	6	1				471	24 June 1917
215	Mon. on or bef. F. M.											64	"
216	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	10	1	4		1				170	"
217	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	6		2	2					69	"
218	2nd Monday	9	11	10	1	2	7	6				279	"
219	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	4	2	2	3	1			1	109	"
220	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	10	9	2		1	1				98	"
221	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	10	6	7	2		2	7				172	"
222	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	2		3	2				2	90	"
223	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	4		3	1					100	"
224	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	2	4		1	1					78	"
225	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	18	13	11	2	1	4	2			2	126	"
228	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	8	9	10	1		2	1				81	"
229	3rd Tuesday	3	2	2				3				149	27 Dec. 1916
230	3rd Friday	8	7	5	1	4	3				1	186	24 June 1917
231	3rd Tuesday	25	24	24	4	1	3	5				303	"
232	Wed. on or bef. F. M.											93	24 June 1916
233	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	7	8	3		2	1				70	24 June 1917
234	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	2		1	1					86	"
235	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	7	7		1	4					98	"
236	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	5	1				2					85	"
237	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1				1						73	"
238	Tues. bef. F. M.	6	6			3		9				73	"
239	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	6	2		3	3	4			2	128	"
242	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		1		1			1	101	"
243	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1			5		1				76	"
245	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1		2	1				84	"
247	4th Tuesday	4	4	6	2	2	7					412	"
249	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	10	5	4	2	10			1	206	"
250	Tues. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	2			1				1	73	"
253	1st Tuesday	7	9	7			1					203	"
254	1st Thursday	14	13	14	2	1	2	2				278	"
255	Tues. on or bef. F. M.	9	6	4	1		1					92	"

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
256	a Farran's Point	Aultsville	Wm. Neill	R. H. Hanes
257	a Galt	Galt	Wm. Burnett	Robt. Clark
258	a Guelph	Guelph	V. M. Swift	Jas. Ryder
259	a Springfield	Springfield	G. L. Cardiff	M. M. Black
260	a Washington	Petrolia	E. Burleigh	H. F. Winter
261	a Oak Branch	Innerkip	Norman Gould	R. Q. Irving
262	a Harriston	Harriston	Frank McMurtrie	E. W. Lambert
263	a Forest	Forest	Wm. Benjamin	P. W. Campbell
264	a Chaudiere	Ottawa	Wm. Short	Thos. Saunders
265	a Patterson	Thornhill	Geo. Robinson	J. A. Thompson
266	a Northern Light	Stayner	R. J. Campbell	D. G. Bell
267	a Parthenon	Chatham	R. G. Somerville	J. G. Martin
268	a Verulam	Bobcaygeon	T. J. Ingram	K. L. Wilson
269	a Brougham Union	Claremont	W. A. Scott	Thos. Gregg
270	a Cedar	Oshawa	Chas. Simmons	M. L. Argall
271	a Wellington	Erin	Wm. Robertson	J. D. Leitch
272	a Seymour	Amcaster	Wm. Barclay	Geo. Moore
274	a Kent	Blenheim	John Connor	John Crookshank
276	a Teeswater	Teeswater	Gordon Melvin	M. H. Gillies
277	a Seymour	Port Dalhousie	J. W. Nelles	T. O. Johnston
279	a New Hope	Hespeler	A. W. Leybourne	Edgar Garland
282	a Lorne	Glencoe	J. A. McKellar	E. M. Doull
283	a Eureka	Belleville	J. W. Holmes	W. J. Diamond
284	a St. John's	Brussels	F. H. Gilroy	J. Wright
285	a Seven Star	Alliston	J. E. Paddison	Jas. A. Wright
286	a Wingham	Wingham	R. A. Coutts	J. A. Morton
287	a Shuniah	Port Arthur	W. W. Brown	Geo. G. Milne
289	a Doric	Lobo	H. W. Zavitz	P. L. Graham
290	a Leamington	Leamington	Gowan Malott	L. J. Wright
291	a Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	John Lawson	Alfred Jones
292	a Robertson	King	G. R. Egan	Arch. McCallum
294	a Moore	Courtright	W. J. Harkness	Wm. Brown
295	a Conestogo	Drayton	Geo. H. Hines	Calvert Scarr
296	a Temple	St. Catharines	John B. Archer	C. A. Brown
297	a Preston	Preston	John Thompson	D. M. Johnston
299	a Victoria	Centreville	Chas. W. Amey	F. H. Henderson
300	a Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	H. M. McPadden	J. R. Armstrong
302	a St. David's	St. Thomas'	Chas. S. Raven	H. E. Stevenson
303	a Blyth	Blyth	Thos. M. Stewart	J. M. Hamilton
304	a Minerva	Stroud	W. H. Martin	Jas. Black
305	a Humber	Weston	Benj. Cowan	C. L. Fraser
306	a Durham	Durham	D. C. Town	John Morrison
307	a Arkona	Arkona	R. G. Dowding	A. M. Thoman
309	a Morning Star	Carlow	J. J. Robertson	Bert C. Weir
311	a Blackwood	Woodbridge	David Morton	H. N. Smith
312	a Pnyx	Wallaceburg	D. A. Husband	D. F. Johnson
313	a Clementi	Lakefield	Percy Spence	A. E. Kennedy
314	a Blair	Palmerston	H. W. Ladd	Jacob Corbitt
315	a Clifford	Clifford	Henry Stroh	Wm. Graef
316	a Doric	Toronto	Rich. H. Dee	H. J. Ragen
318	a Wilmot	Baden	H. C. Schumm	Walter Waugh
319	a Hiram	Hagersville	S. C. Evans	W. C. VanLoon
320	a Chesterville	Chesterville	A. E. Bolster	Geo. Elliott
321	a Walker	Acton	W. L. Mullin	R. M. McDonald
322	a North Star	Owen Sound	C. T. Sutherland	A. A. Parks
323	a Alvinston	Alvinston	R. H. Carbert	Jas. Holme
324	a Temple	Hamilton	R. A. Gilmore	Hanlan Robinson
325	a Orono	Orono	G. R. Clare	Wm. Armstrong
326	a Zetland	Toronto	J. C. Baker	J. H. Macabe
327	a Hammond	Wardsville	Alfred Wehlann	H. A. Wilson
328	a Ionic	Napier	W. Woods	W. L. Toohill
329	a King Solomon	Jarvis	Ivan W. Holmes	Jas. Noble
330	a Corinthian	London	H. C. Ives	H. C. Simpson
331	a Fordwich	Fordwich	H. W. Laird	A. C. Hutchison
332	a Stratford	Stratford	E. A. Robertson	J. A. Rodgers
333	a Prince Arthur	Flesherton	Thos. Henry	C. J. Bellamy
334	a Prince Arthur	Arthur	Fred. Langdon	E. W. Brocklebank

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With-drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
256	Wed on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6		1	2	2				101	24 June 1917
257	1st Tuesday	10	8	11	2	4	3		1			216	
258	2nd Tuesday	2	5	4		1	1					175	27 Dec. 1916
259	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	12	11	2	1						107	24 June 1917
260	1st Wednesday	7	6	4			2	5				145	
261	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	3	4			1					39	27 Dec. 1916
262	2nd Monday	8	5	3		4		11			3	97	24 June 1917
263	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	6	4	1	1					100	
264	4th Tuesday	19	16	11	2	2	6	6			3	275	
265	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2	1	3		1				84	
266	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	2			3						44	
267	1st Wednesday	16	16	17	2	3	4	4				301	
268	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	7	8		1	1	1			1	67	
269	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3								72	27 Dec. 1916
270	4th Tuesday	8	2	3	1		3					143	24 June 1917
271	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	7	2	4	1						59	
272	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	6	4							1	149	27 Dec. 1916
274	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	12	12	11	1	3					1	133	24 June 1917
276	4th Thursday	1										52	27 Dec. 1916
277	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		1	2	3			2	74	24 June 1917
279	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	3		2	1	2				107	
282	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	1	1	1		3	2				92	
283	Wed. aft. F. M.	12	10	6	2	2	2	8				159	
284	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	3	1	2		1				90	
285	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	15	11	13	3	1	3	2			1	99	
286	1st Tuesday	6	6	6		1	1	12				2	103
287	1st Tuesday	21	19	21	4	4	4	11			3	329	
289	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	15	13	13	1	2	1				3	92	
290	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	9	10	14	5	1	4	1				184	
291	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	2		1	1					109	
292	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2		1	1					38	
294	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2			1	5				67	
295	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	4	5	1	2		1				88	
296	1st Wednesday	16	12	13	3	3	1					169	
297	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	4	1	2	1					94	
299	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	4				2				61	
300	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	15	11	10		1						81	
302	3rd Thursday	20	18	16	1	1	1	3				347	
303	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	8	7	6	1	3						92	27 Dec. 1916
304	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	5	2		2	3			1	96	24 June 1917
305	4th Friday	7	11	15	2	1	3					117	
306	2nd Tuesday	1	2	1			2					65	
307	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5		1	3					54	
309	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	3	1		1					61	
311	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1	1						65	
312	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	11	5	4	1	3	1	3			2	147	
313	1st Tuesday	1	1	1	1	1	2					103	
314	2nd Friday	6	5	5		1	2	2			2	115	
315	3rd Monday	3	2			2	2	5				53	
316	3rd Thursday	24	22	20	3	6	7	12			5	365	
318	Fri. on or aft. F. M.			1								32	
319	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	6	8		4	2	15			1	88	
320	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	4			2					106	
321	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1		1	1	2				81	
322	Wed. aft. F. M.	10	11	10	3	1	3					201	
323	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	5	1	2	1				2	85	
324	2nd Tuesday	18	17	13	2	3	8	11			3	419	
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	1	1	1	2	2			1	54	
326	4th Friday	14	11	15	2	3	6					593	
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	1			1	1					30	
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2			1					55	
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	4	1	3	4					64	
330	1st Tuesday	26	20	12	1		2				1	253	
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3		3	1					63	
332	2nd Monday	9	4	3			2					210	27 Dec. 1916
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2			3					76	24 June 1917
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	4		1	1				1	63	

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
336	aHighgate	Highgate	E. R. McColl	Solomon Gosnell
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Robt. R. Camp	Wm. Grisdale
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	A. Johnson	W. J. Steward
339	aOrient	Toronto	M. Armstrong	T. F. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	D. J. McLean	D. A. McLaren
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	J. H. Hamilton	Geo. Thompson
344	aMerrill	Dorchester	A. Small	J. W. Young
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	J. W. Cochran	Chas. Jackson
346	aOccident	Toronto	H. J. Burns	C. C. Wightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	W. W. Marshall	P. Perry
348	aGeorgian	Penetanguishene	Geo. A. Todd	R. D. Keefe
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	T. C. Algar	J. H. Knifton
354	aBrock	Cannington	E. Blanchard	Jos. A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Wellington Dunn	S. H. Smith
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove	H. T. Davidson	P. D. Shorey
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	T. G. Bartlett	Alex. Colvin
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	A. L. Hutchison	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	Wm. Trowell	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	Alex. Jaffray	Jos. A. Hewitt
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	E. J. Madill	A. H. Monkman
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	Alex. F. Laidlaw	Geo. J. Stevenson
367	aSt. George	Toronto	A. G. A. Nelson	R. C. Gallaher
368	aSalem	Brockville	Geo. M. Brady	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	Jas. T. Phillips	H. Durant
370	aHarmony	Delta	A. L. Campbell	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	J. W. M. Wilson	E. G. Shane
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Chas. C. Tait	John A. North
373	aCopestone	Welland	J. C. Fralick	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	R. A. Nelson	A. D. Anderson
375	aLorne	Omeme	C. R. Hart	J. H. Cottingham
376	aUnity	Huntsville	E. H. Flaxman	Oscar Weiler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	Edgar Patterson	Jno. R. Berwick
378	aKing Solomon's	London	J. E. Middleton	Wm. Nicholls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	Herbert Marshall	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	Jas. D. Moran	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	H. W. Rodgers	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson	Winchester	A. G. Gilroy	B. F. Smith
384	aAlpha	Toronto	G. G. Mackenzie	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	Geo. H. Baycroft	W. T. Stewart
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	R. B. Skinner	F. C. Stone
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	L. D. Johnston	W. F. Mitchell
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	W. W. Taylor	J. C. Reeve
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	R. R. Ralph	J. B. Love
390	aFlorence	Florence	Thos. O. Bilton	Jas. Beatty
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	T. E. Armstrong	J. A. Crawford
392	aHuron	Camlachie	D. F. Smith	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	F. W. Fisher	Wm. Benedict
394	aKing Solomon's	Thamesford	Chas. E. Stewart	W. W. Day
395	aParvain	Comber	J. A. Taylor	J. W. Brown
396	aCedar	Warton	Alex. Blue	S. E. Foster
397	aLeopold	Brigden	John Poland	Duncan Warren
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	Wm. Jobe	M. A. Lindsay
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	Dustin Ballah	Gordon Kunz
400	aOakville	Oakville	J. W. West	J. A. W. Robinson
401	aCraig	Deseronto	Alex. McRae	Robt. Large
402	aCentral	Essex	A. G. Belling	I. Middleton
403	aWindsor	Windsor	A. G. Roberts	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	J. T. Burrows	John A. Brown
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	J. H. Bell	S. G. Richardson
406	aSpry	Fenelon Falls	Rev. D. E. Johnston	F. W. Warren
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Roy McRea	W. C. Latimer
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	G. H. Porritt	J. C. Davidson
410	aZeta	Toronto	W. H. C. McEachern	E. Barber
411	aRodney	Rodney	M. C. Zimmerman	J. B. Stinson
412	aKeystone	Sault Ste. Marie	Alex. Brechin	E. I. Scott
413	aNaphtali	Tilbury	P. M. Lampman	W. A. Johnson
414	aPequonga	Kenora	G. W. Smith	Geo. S. Kent

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336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	3	1	1	1						72	27 Dec. 1916
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	3	3	3					3	62	24 June 1917
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5		3	1					86	"
339	1st Tuesday	32	23	10	1	6	3	24				376	"
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	1	1	1						64	27 Dec. 1916
343	1st Saturday	15	17	18		6	3	1				415	24 June 1917
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	1		2						61	"
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	7	8	1	3	1	2				73	"
346	3rd Wednesday	25	17	15	1	2	1	10			1	412	"
347	1st Friday	5	4	4		2	2					94	"
348	1st Thursday	8	4	2			1	2			1	105	"
352	3rd Wednesday	5	6	5		2	2				1	178	27 Dec. 1916
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	6	1	1	2	5				66	24 June 1917
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	10	8	8		1					1	93	"
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	6	4	6		1	1					130	"
358	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1	1	1	4					58	"
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1		2								57	"
360	1st Tuesday	3	4	5	1	2	3	5				80	"
361	4th Monday	8	5	5		2	3	1				253	27 Dec. 1916
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	3	1	5	3	1				58	24 June 1917
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	5		1	1				2	53	"
367	1st Friday	15	14	12	2	2	3	9			3	394	"
368	2nd Monday	11	8	6		3	7	3			1	205	"
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	9	5	2	3	3				2	138	"
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	7								78	"
371	4th Friday	8	10	8		2	5					198	"
372	1st Tuesday	4	4	3	1	1	3	4				113	"
373	1st Thursday	20	21	15	3	1		2			1	168	"
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2		1		1	1					36	"
375	1st Thursday	3	3	1		4						75	"
376	2nd Wednesday	3	7	5		4	1	6				118	"
377	1st Friday	4	3	3		1						86	27 Dec. 1916
378	2nd Thursday	15	18	16	2	1	1	7				265	24 June 1917
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.						1					47	27 Dec. 1916
380	2nd Monday	13	9	9		3	4	11			3	301	24 June 1917
382	3rd Monday	21	22	22		4	4	12			2	412	"
383	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	4	2		1					97	27 Dec. 1916
384	1st Thursday	16	16	18	3	6	8	6			2	505	24 June 1917
385	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	1		2					1	72	"
386	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	1								109	27 Dec. 1916
387	Thur. before F. M.	3	4	4		2	2	1			1	56	21 June 1917
388	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	8	8	1			7			1	57	"
389	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	3		2	2					33	27 Dec. 1916
390	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	1	1			1					54	24 June 1917
391	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	5	7	1							132	27 Dec. 1916
392	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2				7			3	65	24 June 1917
393	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	9	8	6	2	1						72	"
394	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	6				2				86	"
395	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	2	1	1	3						66	"
396	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	2		2	1	2			2	139	"
397	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1								71	27 Dec. 1916
398	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	4	4		1	2	3			3	46	24 June 1917
399	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	3				2				54	"
400	1st Tuesday	12	9	8	2	2	3					176	"
401	1st Tuesday	9	8	7		5	2	6				106	"
402	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	9	6			1					101	"
403	1st Friday	39	38	46	10	3	2	2			3	44	"
404	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	1		2	3					73	"
405	1st Tuesday	3	2	2			1					116	"
406	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1				1				74	"
408	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	6		2	1	2				73	"
409	2nd Monday	5	5	4	2	1					1	98	"
410	4th Friday	18	15	12	3	3	13	3			5	357	"
411	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2								48	27 Dec. 1916
412	1st Tuesday	20	20	20	4	6	3	2			1	401	24 June 1917
413	Tu. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	5	3	4					2	93	"
414	1st Wednesday	20	16	18	4	1	2	3				210	"

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
415	aFort William	Fort William	A. D. Cameron	J. Underhill
416	Lyn	Lyn	Frank Stafford	M. Brown
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin	H. A. Vaughan	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville	J. W. Kennedy	H. Tracey
419	aBismarck	Sarnia	A. McLocklin	W. J. Alcock
420	Nipissing	North Bay	John C. Ross	Jos. F. Johnston
421	aScott	Grand Valley	Alfred Menary	W. L. Craig
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	John A. Proutt	J. J. Vincent
423	aStrong	Sundridge	A. A. Anderson	Arthur Church
424	aDoric	Pickering	J. S. Jephson	J. C. Stork
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	John R. Kelly	J. W. Burnham
426	aStanley	Toronto	Geo. R. Moore	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	A. J. Manley	Jos. Fowler
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	W. E. Tummonds	J. W. Crozier
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Geo. E. Chapman	C. Currier
430	aAcacia	Toronto	W. Dixon	W. H. Reaman
431	Moravian	Cargill	John Chisholm	Wm. J. Loughleen
432	Hanover	Hanover	W. R. Laidlaw	Geo. A. Rozel
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	J. C. McIntyre	W. Senn
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	John T. Shaw	Jas. H. Metcalfe
435	aHavelock	Havelock	Peter Haig	Rev. J. Skene
436	aBurns	Hepworth	J. E. Campbell	W. P. Brooks
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	F. C. Slater	W. J. Barrie
438	aHarmony	Toronto	Alex. S. Elliott	W. T. Martin
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	N. M. Bellamy	Rev. Donald Stewart
440	Arcadia	Minden	Walter Welch	C. S. Brownlee
441	aWestport	Westport	W. D. Bresel	R. W. McDonald
442	aDyment	Thessalon	W. W. Thomson	W. A. Bridge
443	aPowassan	Powassan	Wm. Morrow	D. C. Bingham
444	aNitetis	Creemore	H. M. Corbett	John C. Lennox
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	J. H. Gibson	W. J. Winter
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	J. W. Walker	F. H. Warren
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	W. F. B. Cadman	W. C. Austin
448	aXenophon	Wheatley	Rev. A. H. Jones	M. H. Chamberlain
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	W. S. Richardson	A. E. Colgan
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Alex. Hunter	A. G. McIntosh
451	aSomerville	Avonmore	W. H. Lyle	C. W. Wellstood
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	A. A. McMillan	S. E. Shaver
453	Royal	Fort William	S. A. Cowell	F. C. Perry
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	A. J. Collins	J. W. Harris
455	Doric	Little Current	Robt. Riddell	J. N. Sisson
456	Elma	Monkton	A. E. Doan	J. S. Ellacott
457	aCentury	Merlin	D. H. Doyle	John Wands
458	aWales	Wales	Rev. L. E. Gosling	Geo. D. Colquhoun
459	aCobden	Cobden	Wm. J. Oates	J. F. Moffatt
460	aRideau	Seely's Bay	F. J. Hunter	C. C. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	A. G. Turnbull	D. K. McGregor
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Wm. G. Armstrong	Wm. J. Fuller
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	J. H. Austin	H. H. Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland	Wesley G. Miller	R. A. Purvis
465	aCarleton	Carp	Jas. M. Argue	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	L. J. Simpson	J. T. Foster
467	aTottenham	Tottenham	Robt. A. Semple	F. W. Abbott
468	Peel	Caledon East	Rev. G. H. Purchase	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma	Sault Ste Marie	Rich. Gillespie	A. W. Dunlop
470	aVictoria	Victoria Harbor	J. D. McPhee	Wm. Stephenson
471	aKing Edward VII	Chippawa	Geo. A. Land	C. J. Moyer
472	aCore Bay	Gore Bay	A. E. Graham	C. C. Platt
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto	Casper Clark	S. J. Manchester
474	aVictoria	Toronto	D. D. MacDonald	G. H. Cooper
475	aDundurn	Hamilton	R. W. Small	G. H. Lanigan
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	W. E. Stratton	J. H. Cryderman
477	aHarding	Woodville	A. E. Staback	S. W. Keown
478	aMilverton	Milverton	Geo. J. Coxon	W. J. Zoeger
479	aRussell	Russell	J. W. Wishart	S. D. Hill
480	aWilliamsburg	Williamsburg	H. M. Whitteker	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	G. G. Hood	E. T. Flannagan

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415	2nd Wednesday	23	20	18	2	7	1	13			5	261	24 June 1917
416	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2	3	2				9			1	43	"
417	1st Friday	3	3	4	1	1	3				1	89	"
418	2nd Friday	11	4	3	1	4	2	9			2	72	"
419	2nd Monday	9	7	13	1	3	1	2			1	86	"
420	2nd Monday	3	4	5	1	1						261	"
421	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	3		1	2	3					90	"
422	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	2	3	1				1	67	"
423	3rd Monday	2	2	3		1					1	75	"
424	Thur. on or bef. F. M.			1		4						51	27 Dec. 1916
425	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4		2						94	24 June 1917
426	1st Tuesday	20	17	14	1	3	5	5			2	336	"
427	1st Wednesday	20	16	17		7	2					260	"
428	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	6	1	3	4	1				143	"
429	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	3	2	1		5				57	"
430	3rd Monday	20	13	13	2	2	1	2				229	"
431	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	5	6	6		1		1			1	57	"
432	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	4	3	3		2						74	"
433	2nd Monday	7	6	5	2	1					1	73	27 Dec. 1916
434	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	1	1	2		1	4	8				93	24 June 1917
435	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	2	1	1					3	144	"
436	Tue. on or aft. F. M.		1	1		1						37	27 Dec. 1916
437	3rd Wednesday	30	21	17	4	3	5					298	24 June 1917
438	4th Monday	31	25	26	2	7	3	11			5	450	"
439	1st Tuesday	3	2	2	1	2		4				63	"
440	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	6		2						72	"
441	1st Friday	5	4	2			1					73	"
442	2nd Thursday	4	3	3		3		14			1	91	"
443	2nd Friday	2	1			1						69	27 Dec. 1916
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	3	2	6		6						79	24 June 1917
445	2nd Wednesday	10	6	6		1	1					59	"
446	1st Tuesday	8	9	10		1						98	"
447	2nd Monday	4	4	4		5	2	6				87	"
448	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	7	7	7	3		1					54	"
449	Mon. on or bef. F. M.		1	1								58	27 Dec. 1916
450	Thursday bef. F. M.	4	5	5	1		3				1	76	24 June 1917
451	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2			1	2				59	"
452	Tue. on or bef. F. M.											105	"
453	1st Wednesday	9	8	7			2	6			1	147	"
454	1st Monday	5	3	1				1				82	27 Dec. 1916
455	2nd Tuesday			1	3		5	4				88	24 June 1917
456	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2			1					55	"
457	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	11	13	11		2					1	57	"
458	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	1	2	1		2					90	"
459	2nd Tuesday	5	4	2		3	1					98	"
460	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	3							1	65	27 Dec. 1916
461	1st Thursday	4	4	4				19				78	"
462	3rd Thursday	7	1	1								182	"
463	3th Friday	3	2	1		1						50	24 June 1917
464	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	3	3			1					70	"
465	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	4	4		1		2				60	"
466	1st Friday	7	4	3		1	1				1	82	"
467	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	1	3	3	1							60	"
468	Fri. on or aft. F. M.	4	4	3		2	1					77	"
469	2nd Monday	13	13	11			6	4				203	"
470	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	8	3	2		2			1	137	"
471	1st Wednesday	1	2	2			1	1				53	"
472	1st Wednesday	3	4	2	1	1	2	2				73	"
473	2nd Friday	11	8	8	2	6	2	7				222	"
474	3rd Tuesday	16	14	12		1	2	8				257	"
475	3rd Saturday	58	46	39	1	4	3					277	"
476	Fri. on or before M. F.		2	2								70	"
477	Fri. on or before M. F.	2		2							1	60	"
478	Mon. on or bef. M. F.			1		2						69	27 Dec. 1916
479	Mon. on or aft. M. F.	5	6	6	2	2	2	10				99	24 June 1917
480	Thur. on or bef. M. F.	4	3	2								47	"
481	4th Monday	34	21	14	2	4	2					180	"

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	E. E. King.....	D. H. Morrison.....
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	Arthur Gibson.....	C. H. Foster.....
484	aGolden Star.....	Dryden.....	A. M. Taylor.....	J. M. Adams.....
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	W. E. McCready.....	A. L. Throop.....
486	aSilver.....	Cobalt.....	F. H. Todd.....	R. T. Stewart.....
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	Robt. Gray.....	F. Y. W. Brathwaite.....
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	Walter Anderson.....	G. E. Johnston.....
489	aOsiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	L. A. Taggart.....	H. A. Ross.....
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	John Caesar.....	T. H. Reburn.....
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	A. E. Eastman.....	Wm. Clark.....
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	G. W. Scott.....	R. A. Brown.....
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	J. G. Miller.....	T. L. Sinclair.....
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	S. Hunt.....	J. W. Malcolm.....
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	C. H. Hahnan.....	W. F. Montague.....
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	W. J. McCollum.....	P. W. Rogers.....
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	G. M. Kirk.....	F. L. Wormworth.....
498	aKing George V.....	Coboconk.....	T. C. Birchard.....	Chas. M. Callan.....
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	W. J. Ferguson.....	A. Rome.....
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	J. W. Coatsworth.....	M. P. McMaster.....
501	aConnaught.....	Mimico.....	J. W. Rutlan.....	C. C. Hele.....
502	aCoronation.....	Smithville.....	Geo. G. Brant.....	G. M. Hicks.....
503	aInwood.....	Inwood.....	Geo. Graham.....	F. W. Smith.....
504	aOtter.....	Lombardy.....	Rev. R. P. D. Hurlford.....	Clark Nicholls.....
505	aLynden.....	Lynden.....	W. S. Able.....	Wm. A. Smith.....
506	aPorcupine.....	Porcupine.....	Geo. Bannerman.....	C. E. Hall.....
507	aElk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	R. C. Argue.....	H. C. Harvey.....
508	aOzias.....	Brantford.....	A. M. Harley.....	F. W. Benedict.....
509	aTwin City.....	Kitchener.....	John H. Wood.....	Geo. DeKleinhaus.....
510	aParkdale.....	Toronto.....	Geo. E. Buchanan.....	A. N. Taylor.....
511	aConnaught.....	W. Port William.....	W. F. Smart.....	A. R. Mills.....
512	aMalone.....	Sutton West.....	B. C. Fortune.....	O. J. Silver.....
513	aCorinthian.....	Hamilton.....	Paul E. Lumsden.....	J. R. Croft.....
514	aSt. Albans.....	Toronto.....	Wm. S. Milne.....	J. L. Davidson.....
515	aReba.....	Brantford.....	Geo. K. Wedlake.....	D. E. Russell.....
516	aEnterprise.....	Beachburg.....	W. F. Weedmark.....	P. C. Creggan.....
517	aHazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	A. O. Logan.....	B. G. Grant.....
518	aSioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	H. Cooper.....	A. W. Possnett.....
519	aOnondaga.....	Onondaga.....	W. J. Wood.....	C. W. Burrill.....
520	aCoronati.....	Toronto.....	Jas. H. Henry.....	J. T. Stevenson.....
521	aOntario.....	Windsor.....	D. A. Chater.....	J. R. Thomson.....
522	aMt. Sinai.....	Toronto.....	John D. Bland.....	C. E. Garrard.....
523	aRoyal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	J. E. L. Goodwill.....	W. H. Walkey.....
524	aMississauga.....	Port Credit.....	Chas. Elliott.....	P. F. Morrall.....
525	aTemple.....	Toronto.....	Conrad Miller.....	G. G. Elliott.....
526	aIonic.....	Westboro.....	Fred. A. Henry.....	A. H. Holloway.....
527	aEspanola.....	Espanola.....	D. H. Parker.....	Vincent Ryder.....
528	aGolden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	Chas. G. Williams.....	S. W. Otton.....
529	aMyra.....	Komoka.....	Daniel Campbell.....	W. R. Bishop.....
530	aCochrane.....	Cochrane.....	W. S. Carter.....	W. H. Harmer.....
531	aHigh Park.....	Toronto.....	Thos. R. Young.....	R. B. Magill.....
532	aCanada.....	Toronto.....	Jos. E. Baker.....	G. W. Sanderson.....
533	aShamrock.....	Toronto.....	H. C. Scully.....	C. Donovan.....
534	aEnglehart.....	Englehart.....	Jas. Patterson.....	C. H. Ham.....
535	aPhoenix.....	Fonthill.....	B. A. Pattison.....	S. B. Brush, Jr.....
536	aAlgonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	Jas. W. Rawlins.....	Ed. H. Orser.....
537	aUlster.....	Toronto.....	Fred. Dane.....	John Ferguson.....
UD	aKitchener.....	Port McNichol.....	I. S. Wardell.....	
UD	aWaterloo.....	Waterloo.....	C. O. Hemphill.....	A. H. Cochrane.....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED—Continued.

No. of Lode	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	Suspen. N. P. D.	Suspen. U. M. C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members	Last Returns
482	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	9	5	3	1	2	1					120	24 June, 1917
483	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	3	12	1	1	2		5	1			51	" "
484	2nd Tuesday	8	7	5	1	1	2	3			1	74	" "
485	1st Thursday	8	12	11		2	5	19				155	" "
486	1st Monday	15	13	12	3	4	4	2			1	201	" "
487	2nd Monday	6	3	2	1	2						68	" "
488	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1					2					81	27 Dec. 1916
489	2nd Tuesday	4	6	4	1	1	3					89	24 June 1917
490	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	2						1				40	27 Dec. 1916
491	2nd Friday	6	6	4	1			1				68	24 June 1917
492	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	1						1				68	27 Dec. 1916
493	4th Monday	4	5	5		3	1	2				83	24 June 1917
494	4th Friday	20	17	17	3	7	5	7			2	231	" "
495	3rd Wednesday	35	32	30	4		1	1			2	276	" "
496	4th Thursday	23	21	14	2	2						176	" "
497	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	13	5	9				1				61	" "
498	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	2	1				2	2				44	" "
499	2nd Monday	19	19	19	3	3	4	2				163	" "
500	3rd Tuesday	9	9	6	3	1	1					77	" "
501	2nd Thursday	14	14	14	2	1						108	" "
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	6	1			2	2					53	" "
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	4			1					53	" "
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	3		4						36	" "
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	7	1							68	" "
506	1st Thursday	2	2	5		2	1	7			1	121	" "
507	2nd Friday	1			1	1	2	5				78	" "
508	3rd Tuesday	9	8	4	1	1		2			1	58	" "
509	4th Friday	20	18	14	3	1						98	" "
510	2nd Friday	12	12	9	6	2	1	2				103	" "
511	3rd Monday	13	6	6	2							69	27 Dec. 1916
512	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	6	5	3								64	24 June 1917
513	4th Thursday	28	35	27	2	2		2			3	170	" "
514	3rd Monday	22	24	23	3	2	2	1				189	" "
515	2nd Friday	40	36	24	2			3				117	" "
516	1st Monday	12	8	5	1							59	" "
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	12	4	6			2					57	" "
518	1st Monday	6	9	7			1					83	27 Dec. 1916
519	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	7	8	3		4	2					47	24 June 1917
520	2nd Tuesday	13	18	13	1	8	4					211	" "
521	1st and 3rd Monday	36	30	31								129	" "
522	2nd Tuesday	31	28	16	1							91	" "
523	1st Monday	8	6	7	5		1					65	" "
524	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	3	3	2	4							43	" "
525	4th Tuesday	26	23	21	6						2	88	" "
526	2nd Wednesday	7	11	12	2	1						82	" "
527	1st Wednesday	7	6	4	1							37	" "
528	2nd Wednesday	19	18	20	4	2	2					72	" "
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	4	6	6	2		1					35	" "
530	2nd Friday	8	5	3	1	1						43	" "
531	3rd Thursday	40	46	69	8	9		1				240	" "
532	1st Friday	28	32	36	4	1		1				114	" "
533	3rd Tuesday	80	81	84	15	2						171	" "
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	10	11	10		1						46	" "
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.	3	6	4	1		2					49	" "
536	3rd Tuesday	5	2		1							41	" "
537	1st Monday	27	12	4	49							76	" "
UD	Tue. on or bef. F. M.											28	" "
UD	1st Wednesday											31	" "
		4035	3550	3323	614	755	804	911	4	1	214	63477	

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1 (16 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James L. Baird, Kingsville.

No. 31—Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 402—Central	Essex
No. 41—St. George's	Kingsville	No. 403—Windsor	Windsor
No. 46—Wellington	Chatham	No. 413—Naphtali	Tilbury
No. 47—Great Western	Windsor	No. 448—Xenophon	Wheatley
No. 267—Parthenon	Chatham	No. 457—Century	Merlin
No. 274—Kent	Blenheim	No. 488—King Edward	Harrow
No. 290—Leamington	Leamington	No. 500—Rose	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim	Comber	No. 521—Ontario	Windsor

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1a (18 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jos. M. Conway, West Lorne.

No. 44—St. Thomas	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. David's	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Mark's	Port Stanley	No. 327—Hammond	Wardsville
No. 120—Warren	Fingal	No. 336—Highgate	Highgate
No. 140—Malahide	Aylmer	No. 364—Dufferin	Melbourne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 386—McColl	West Lorne
No. 232—Cameron	Dutton	No. 390—Florence	Florence
No. 245—Tecumseh	Thamesville	No. 391—Howard	Ridgetown
No. 255—Sydenham	Dresden	No. 411—Rodney	Rodney
No. 282—Lorne	Glencoe	No. 422—Star of the East	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2 (21 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Edward E. Bond, Mt. Brydges.

No. 56—Victoria	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona	Arkona
No. 81—St. John's	Mt. Brydges	No. 312—Pnyx	Wallaceburg
No. 83—Beaver	Strathroy	No. 323—Alvinston	Alvinston
No. 116—Cassia	Thedford	No. 328—Ionic	Napier
No. 153—Burns	Wyoming	No. 392—Huron	Camllachie
No. 158—Alexandra	Oil Springs	No. 397—Leopold	Brigden
No. 194—Petrolia	Petrolia	No. 419—Bismarck	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock	Watford	No. 425—St. Clair	Sombra
No. 260—Washington	Petrolia	No. 437—Tuscan	Sarnia
No. 263—Forest	Forest	No. 503—Inwood	Inwood
No. 294—Moore	Courtright		

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3 (20 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wilbur H. Dunlop, Kintore.

No. 20—St. John's	London	No. 344—Merrill	Dorchester Sta
No. 42—St. George's	London	No. 345—Nilestown	Nilestown
No. 64—Kilwinning	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley	Delaware
No. 107—St. Paul's	Lambeth	No. 378—King Solomon's	London
No. 190—Belmont	Belmont	No. 379—Middlesex	Bryanston
No. 195—Tuscan	London	No. 380—Union	London
No. 209a—St. John's	London	No. 388—Henderson	Iderton
No. 289—Doric	Lobo	No. 394—King Solomon	Thamesford
No. 300—Mount Olivet	Thorndale	No. 399—Moffatt	Harrietsville
No. 330—Corinthian	London	No. 529—Myra	Komoka

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4 (17 Lodges.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Fred. Porterfield Mitchell.

No. 33—Maitland	Goderich	No. 233—Doric	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James	St. Marys	No. 303—Blyth	Blyth
No. 84—Clinton	Clinton	No. 309—Morning Star	Carlow
No. 133—Lebanon Forest	Exeter	No. 332—Stratford	Stratford
No. 141—Tudor	Mitchell	No. 456—Elma	Monkton
No. 144—Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 478—Milverton	Milverton
No. 154—Irving	Lucan	No. 483—Granton	Granton
No. 170—Britannia	Seaforth	No. 493—St. Marys	St. Marys
No. 224—Zurich	Hensall		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No 5 (10 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Hugh Hyndman, Palmerston.

No. 93—Northern Light ..Kincardine	No. 284—St. John's Brussels
No. 162—Forest .....Wroxeter	No. 286—Wingham Wingham
No. 184—Old Light Lucknow	No. 314—Blair Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard .....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce .....Tiverton

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. I. Atkin, Springfield.

No. 10—Norfolk Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's... Woodstock	No. 181—Oriental Port Burwell
No. 68—St. John's Ingersoll	No. 217—Frederick Delhi
No. 76—Oxford .....Woodstock	No. 237—Vienna Vienna
No. 78—King Hiram .....Tillsonburg	No. 250—Thistle Embro
No. 104—St. John's .....Norwich	No. 259—Springfield Springfield
No. 108—Blenheim .....Princeton	No. 261—Oak Branch Innerkip
No. 149—Erie .....Port Dover	No. 359—Vittoria .....Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. DeKleinbans, Kitchener.

No. 72—Alma Galt	No. 279—New Hope .....Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River Berlin	No. 295—Conestogo Drayton
No. 172—Ayr Ayr	No. 297—Preston Preston
No. 180—Speed .....Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot Baden
No. 203—Irvine Elora	No. 321—Walker Acton
No. 205—New Dom'ion. New Hamburg	No. 347—Mercer Fergus
No. 219—Credit .....Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley .....Guelph
No. 257—Galt .....Galt	No. 509—Iwin City Berlin
No. 258—Guelph .....Guelph	U.D. —Waterloo Waterloo

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8 (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jos. F. Senn, Glanford Sta.

No. 6—The Barton .....Hamilton	No. 185—Enniskillen York
No. 27—Strict Observance. Hamilton	No. 272—Seymour Ancaster
No. 40—St. John's Hamilton	No. 291—Dufferin W. Flamboro
No. 57—Harmony Binbrook	No. 324—Temple Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia .....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown Millgrove
No. 62—St. Andrew's Caledonia	No. 382—Doric Hamilton
No. 100—Valley Dundas	No. 400—Oakville Oakville
No. 135—St. Clair .....Milton	No. 475—Dundurn Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington Burlington	No. 495—Electric Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth .....Stoney Creek	No. 513—Corinthian Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9 (19 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Little, Allandale.

No. 90—Manito Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian .....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian .....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras .....Meaford	No. 385—Spy Beeton
No. 192—Orillia .....Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis .....Creemore
No. 230—Kerr .....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba .....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria .....Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian Midland	No. 492—Karnak Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light Stayner	U.D. —Kitchener. Port McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star .....Alliston	

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10 (20 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. J. Didemus, Niagara Falls South.

No. 2—Niagara	Niagara	No. 251—Clifton	Niagara Falls
No. 7—Union	Grimsby	No. 277—Seymour	Port Dalhousie
No. 15—St. George's ..	St. Catharines	No. 296—Temple	St. Catharines
No. 32—Amity	Dunnville	No. 337—Myrtle	Port Robinson
No. 103—Maple Leaf ..	St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin	Wellandport
No. 105—St. Mark's ..	Niagara Falls	No. 372—Palmer	Bridgeburg
No. 115—Ivy	Beamsville	No. 373—Copestone	Welland
No. 168—Merritt	Welland	No. 471—King Edward VII,	Chippawa
No. 169—Macnab	Port Colborne	No. 502—Coronation	Smithville
No. 221—Mountain	Thorold	No. 535—Phoenix	Fonthill

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 11 (22 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Allan B. Rice, Toronto.

No. 98—True Blue	Bolton	No. 468—Peel	Caledon East
No. 229—Ionic	Brampton	No. 474—Victoria	Toronto
No. 305—Humber	Weston	No. 496—University	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood	Woodbridge	No. 501—Connaught	Mimico
No. 346—Occident	Toronto	No. 510—Parkdale	Toronto
No. 356—River Park	Streetsville	No. 522—Mount Sinai	Toronto
No. 367—St. George	Toronto	No. 524—Mississauga	Port Credit
No. 369—Mimico	Lambton Mills	No. 525—Temple	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha	Toronto	No. 531—High Park	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta	Toronto	No. 533—Shamrock	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley	Toronto	No. 537—Ulster	Toronto

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 11a (19 Lodges)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Ormiston, Uxbridge.

No. 16—St. Andrew's	Toronto	No. 343—Georgina	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic	Toronto	No. 354—Brock	Cannington
No. 75—St. John's	Toronto	No. 424—Doric	Pickering
No. 87—Markham Union ..	Markham	No. 430—Acacia	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson	Stouffville	No. 464—King Edward	Sunderland
No. 218—Stevenson	Toronto	No. 473—The Beaches	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha	Uxbridge	No. 494—Rivendale	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union,	Claremont	No. 520—Coronati	Toronto
No. 316—Doric	Toronto	No. 532—Canada	Toronto
No. 339—Orient	Toronto		

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT No. 11b (19 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chas Murphy, Toronto.

No. 22—King Solomon's	Toronto	No. 156—York	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond	Richmond Hill	No. 247—Ashlar	Toronto
No. 54—Vaughan	Maple	No. 265—Patterson	Thornhill
No. 65—Rehoboam	Toronto	No. 292—Robertson	King
No. 79—Simcoe	Bradford	No. 326—Zetland	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon	Queensville	No. 481—Corinthian	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan	Newmarket	No. 512—Malone	Sutton West
No. 118—Union	Schomberg	No. 514—St. Alban's	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun	Aurora		

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Kaiser, Oshawa.

No. 17—St. John's	Cobourg	No. 145—J. B. Hall	Millbrook
No. 26—Ontario	Port Hope	No. 161—Percy	Warkworth
No. 30—Composite	Whitby	No. 223—Norwood	Norwood
No. 31—Jerusalem	Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar	Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion	Brooklin	No. 325—Orono	Orono
No. 66—Durbam	Newcastle	No. 374—Keene	Keene
No. 91—Colborne	Colborne	No. 428—Fidelity	Port Perry
No. 114—Hope	Port Hope	No. 435—Havelock	Havelock
No. 139—Lebanon	Oshawa		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13 (17 Lodges).

D. D. G. M. —R. W. Bro. Alex. H. Watson, Madoc.

No. 11—Moira	Belleville	No. 127—Frank	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward	Picton	No. 164—Star in the East, Wellington	
No. 29—United	Brighton	No. 215—Lake	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling	Stirling	No. 401—Craig	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft	Bancroft
No. 126—Golden Rule	Campbellford		

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M. —R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Shannon, Napanee.

No. 3—Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 228—Prince Arthur	Odessa
No. 9—Union	Napanee	No. 253—Minden	Kingston
No. 92—Cataraqui	Kingston	No. 299—Victoria	Centreville
No. 109—Albion	Harrowsmith	No. 404—Lorne	Tamworth
No. 119—Maple Leaf	Bath	No. 441—Westport	Westport
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 460—Rideau	Seeley's Bay
No. 157—Simpson	Newboro	No. 497—St. Andrew's	Arden
No. 201—Leeds	Gananoque		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M. —R. W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, Brockville.

No. 5—Sussex	Brockville	No. 368—Salem	Brockville
No. 14—True Britons	Perth	No. 370—Harmony	Delta
No. 24—St. Francis	Smiths Falls	No. 387—Lansdowne	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'ntain, N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun	Athens	No. 489—Osiris	Smith's Falls
No. 242—Macoy	Mallorytown	No. 504—Otter	Lombardy

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16 (22 Lodges).

D. D. G. M. —R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Grant, Hazeldean.

No. 52—Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
No. 58—Doric	Ottawa	No. 264—Chaudiere	Ottawa
No. 63—St. John's	Carleton Place	No. 371—Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
No. 122—Renfrew	Renfrew	No. 433—Bonnehochere	Eganville
No. 128—Pembroke	Pembroke	No. 459—Cobden	Cobden
No. 147—Mississippi	Almonte	No. 465—Carleton	Carp
No. 148—Civil Service	Ottawa	No. 476—Corinthian	North Gower
No. 159—Goodwood	Richmond	No. 479—Russell	Russell
No. 177—The Builders.....	Ottawa	No. 516—Enterprise	Beachburg
No. 196—Madawaska	Arnprior	No. 517—Hazeldean	Hazeldean
No. 209—Evergreen	Lanark	No. 526—Ionic	Westboro

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M. —R. W. Bro. Albert R. Mills, Fort William.

No. 287—Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 453—Royal	Fort William
No. 414—Pequonga	Kenora	No. 461—Ionic	Rainy River
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 484—Golden Star	Dryden
No. 417—Keewatin	Keewatin	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 511—Connaught	W. Fort William
No. 446—Granite	Fort Frances	No. 518—Sioux Lookout, Sioux Lookout	

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. G. White, Blind River.

No. 405—Mattawa	Mattawa	No. 455—Doric	Little Current
No. 412—Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	No. 469—Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie
No. 420—Nipissing	North Bay	No. 472—Gore Bay	Gore Bay
No. 427—Nickel	Sudbury	No. 487—Penewobikong	Blind River
No. 442—Dymont	Thessalon	No. 527—Espanola	Espanola
No. 447—Sturgeon Falls.....	St'rg'n Falls	No. 536—Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19 (8 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Mungo P. McKay, Bracebridge.

No. 352—Granite	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong	Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin	Emsdale
No. 376—Unity	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona	Burk's Falls

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20 (15 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John F. Allin, Peterborough.

No. 77—Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	No. 408—Murray	Beaverton
No. 101—Corinthian	Peterborough	No. 440—Arcadia	Minden
No. 155—Peterborough,	Peterborough	No. 451—Somerville	Kinmount
No. 268—Verulam	Bobcaygeon	No. 463—North Entrance	Haliburton
No. 313—Clementi	Lakefield	No. 477—Harding	Woodville
No. 375—Lorne	Omeme	No. 498—King George V.....	Cobocok
No. 398—Victoria	Kirkfield	No. 523—Royal Arthur	Peterborough
No. 406—Spry	Fenelon Falls		

EASTERN DISTRICT No. 21 (18 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Frank T. Shaver, Aultsville.

No. 21a—St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320—Chesterville	Chesterville
No. 28—Mount Zion	Kemptville	No. 383—Henderson	Winchester
No. 110—Central	Prescott	No. 418—Maxville	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers,	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg,	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal	Cardinal

TEMISCAMING DISTRICT No. 22 (8 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Homer W. Sutcliffe, New Liskeard.

No. 462—Temiscaming	New Liskeard	No. 507—Elk Lake	Elk Lake
No. 485—Haileybury	Haileybury	No. 528—Golden Beaver	Timmins
No. 486—Silver	Cobalt	No. 530—Cochrane	Cochrane
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 534—Englehart	Englehart

BRANT DISTRICT No. 23 (14 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Logie, Paris.

No. 35—St. John's	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George	St. George
No. 45—Brant	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram	Hagersville
No. 82—St. John's	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford	Burford	No. 505—Lynden	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias	Brantford
No. 121—Doric	Brantford	No. 515—Reba	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT No. 24 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald, Tara.

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar	Wiarton
No. 235—Aldworth	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf	Tara	No. 436—Burns	Hepworth

GREY DISTRICT No. 25 (12 Lodges).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John McQuaker, Owen Sound.

No. 88—St. George's ..	Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur	Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's ..	Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur	Arthur
No. 216—Harris	Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne	Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington	Erin	No. 421—Scott	Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham	Durham	No. 449—Dundalk	Dundalk
No. 322—North Star ..	Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram	Markdale

RECAPITULATION

No. 1—Erie District.....	16 Lodges
No. 1a—Erie District	18 Lodges
No. 2—St. Clair District	21 Lodges
No. 3—London District.....	20 Lodges
No. 4—South Huron District.....	17 Lodges
No. 5—North Huron District.....	10 Lodges
No. 6—Wilson District.....	18 Lodges
No. 7—Wellington District.....	18 Lodges
No. 8—Hamilton District.....	20 Lodges
No. 9—Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
No. 10—Niagara District.....	20 Lodges
No. 11—Toronto West District.....	22 Lodges
No. 11a—Toronto East District.....	19 Lodges
No. 11b—Toronto Centre District	19 Lodges
No. 12—Ontario District.....	17 Lodges
No. 13—Prince Edward District.....	17 Lodges
No. 14—Frontenac District.....	15 Lodges
No. 15—St. Lawrence District.....	14 Lodges
No. 16—Ottawa District	22 Lodges
No. 17—Algoma District.....	12 Lodges
No. 18—Nipissing District.....	12 Lodges
No. 19—Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
No. 20—Victoria District.....	15 Lodges
No. 21—Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
No. 22—Temiscaming District.....	8 Lodges
No. 23—Brant District.....	14 Lodges
No. 24—Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
No. 25—Grey District.....	12 Lodges

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D. 1916-1917.

5—A. H. Swartz, W. M. Spendlove, S. W. H. Simpson, W. L. McKenzie, A. Tomlinson. 6—H. H. Fitzgerald, D. C. Knapman, A. Nelson, R. D. Taylor, H. Veasey. 11—H. G. Brintnell, A. Bates, T. R. Dando, F. D. Hicks, W. S. Lazier. 16—W. G. Craig, W. M. Manning, L. S. Patton. 18—A. Clapp, A. T. Kerr, J. S. Mackenzie, J. P. Palmatier, W. A. Williamson, H. M. Hicks, J. S. Carr. 20—A. C. Graham, J. B. Harris, R. W. Morgan. 21a—J. B. Willoughby. 22—R. Harrison, J. C. Lawson, J. E. McCready, R. T. Robinson, W. O. Watson. 24—H. A. Meek, A. G. McFarlane. 28—G. D. Gordon. 30—W. J. Luke, G. Johnston, J. F. Paxton, M. J. Torrance, W. H. McClellan. 33—W. J. Muir, E. C. Hanway Andrew Rougvie, D. Cantelen, L. E. Rowley, G. F. Blair, F. J. Butland, M. R. Brand. 34—A. Borland, E. J. Haynes. 35—J. A. Comfort, J. W. Adair, J. C. Snively, C. W. Bowman, G. P. Brown, H. W. Tripp, A. A. Stevens, J. A. Wilson. 37—A. Legrande, H. V. Turney. 40—J. C. Riach, G. F. Crawford, H. E. Hawkins, E. Harris, J. G. Muir, G. W. Plastow, A. J. Woodley. 43—C. E. Nancekeville, J. W. Ross, E. J. Chambers, J. Ekins, J. McKay, J. Forsythe, J. W. Murry, F. C. Roberts, V. W. Harn. 44—F. A. Arnold, G. Mair. 45—M. G. Pepper, G. C. Chamberlain, E. G. Bristol, O. L. Johnson, S. A. Graham, W. J. Johnson, O. S. Thornton, A. W. Doeringer, D. Sharp. 46—J. L. Hogg, J. J. Booth, F. E. Fisher, G. S. Hope, R. G. Williams. 55—N. Broderick, G. E. Johnston, S. S. Easton. 56—E. A. Nill, F. R. Paul, W. M. Tweedie, C. F. Butcher, A. F. Bolton, J. W. Barr, K. Campbell, K. G. Johnston, W. H. Kenney, J. R. McAlpine. 61—W. A. Inwood, H. G. Sache, W. F. McLeod. 63—R. C. Cornish, H. L. Tweed. 64—R. B. Ross, F. H. Robinson. 65—J. P. Aitchison, M. J. K. Allen, M. D. Colman, J. W. McGuire, C. E. Mann, James Robertson, C. A. Ryerson, Chas. Tuck, A. E. VanDyke. 66—J. Coulson, G. Jones, G. Payne, T. Gormley. 73—E. Morley, E. H. Broderick, N. N. Johnston, A. W. Mayes, B. D. Rathwell, S. J. Shanks. 74—D. E. Winter. 75—J. A. McDonald, W. C. Young, R. Falconer. 76—J. A. Close, J. A. McKenzie, J. T. Sullivan, W. J. Taylor, P. C. Abell, L. S. Burke, W. A. Close, D. Watt. 77—W. P. Chard, N. F. W. Graham, J. H. Lewis, W. H. Roberts, P. Sanderson. 78—J. Mantle, C. Austin, W. G. Brown, J. Tilton, F. E. Travis. 84—H. Williams, H. Bidwell, J. Spooner, J. C. Potts. 85—S. Y. Bulles, R. E. Couyaan. 86—T. B. Allen, G. H. Frampton, G. W. Isley, J. Moon. 88—G. E. Feather, L. F. Binkley, G. A. McMillan, W. E. Newman, J. Carey, A. McKinnon, W. N. Batty, H. D. Bowerman, C. H. McLean, H. D. Cunningham, J. S. Robertson, G. S. Harkness, V. C. Clark. 92—L. Dubois. 96—W. D. Bothwell. 97—S. Attenborough. 100—W. Watson, A. C. Thompson. 103—T. E. Rapsey, R. H. Clark, N. R. Macgregor, H. C. Way, T. E. Walker, J. L. Ferry. 105—H. A. Campaigne, I. B. McKay, W. Hogg, W. E. Tuttle, G. P. Ash. 110—F. P. Drummond, W. C. H. Plumb. 114—H. W. Croft, W. Wansbrough, S. F. Webb, W. McIntosh, J. Ray, H. T. Crockie, J. S. Oliver, R. W. Dyer, J. McComb, J. A. 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McDonald, W. H. L. Traffon, J. Forsythe, J. Pottinger, C. W. Speight, W. Hunter, E. W. Fitzgerald, E. Hasselfelt, J. A. Macdonald. 384—C. E. Proctor, J. B. Newton, T. H. Griffiths, E. R. McKinley, E. C. Bratney. 387—F. Williams. 388—G. Walker, W. W. Robson, I. W. Decker, A. D. Osborne, W. H. Reeve, E. D. Grant, E. W. Patrick. 389—W. J. Wright, J. E. Kelley. 392—R. C. Switzer, T. G. Gates, T. Strong, W. Alexander, J. A. Wilson, H. V. Thomas, F. W. Brown. 394—A. Day, J. Mower. 395—C. S. Hare, J. E. Hull, S. J. Hughes. 396—D. Mc Lellan, J. J. Brown. 398—G. E. Lepsitt, L. Tallman, F. Alton. 399—F. Appleford, J. Brodie. 401—E. C. Stewart, G. C. Aldrid, W. A. Daverne, F. J. O. C. Fenton, L. E. S. Hodge, A. M. Morrison. 403—J. A. Pentland, G. P. Thomas. 406—W. J. Walton. 410—A. Butler, S. M. Burt. 412—R. H. Gow, W. H. Forde. 414—M. Nickolson, H. Poole, G. A. West. 415—G. H. Adair, L. M. Bidwell, W. Bradley, W. Baker, R. Corbett, B. Ellis, A. Finlayson, D. Hunter, A. E. Harper, M. O. Robinson, A. H. Shields, G. F. Toombs, J. H. Wallace. 416—L. McVeigh, T. B. Hyde, W. C. Bulloch, Wm. Yates, A. Giray, E. Westlake, P. F. Clow, W. C. Ianerty, H. Romsom. 418—D. McKercher, P. H. McQueen, Alex. D. McKay, P. McNaughton, J. A. Crawford, R. M. Leitch, M. W. Danley, D. D. McIntyre, W. B. McDearmid. 419—J. C. Watson, D. Patterson. 420—J. G. Price, J. B. McCaskill, J. J. Corner, J. Atkinson, G. M. Martin, F. H. Thompson, D. Arbuckle, A. C. McInnes, E. S. Sinclair, T. H. Torrance. 426—F. G. Henry, A. E. Rowley, W. R. Hurst, D. Robertson. 427—A. Wheatley. 428—W. M. Grant. 429—G. McLaren, W. B. Robertson, J. Carr, J. H. McTaggart, J. H. Kennedy. 430—

L. De la Plane, J. W. Jackson. 431—J. R. Wade. 434—H. W. Nixon, W. H. Somerville, J. F. Anderson, W. J. Acton, A. E. Crogan, J. F. Gaymon, F. Larnkie, L. D. McLean. 435—J. H. Boylan, J. Scott. 438—W. C. Bullock, A. F. Edwards, J. R. Gay, W. H. Hodkinson, W. Veitch, M. G. Plich, J. C. Harvey, H. A. McKechnie, J. G. Knott, T. H. Wark, J. M. Bullen. 439—J. W. Irvine, H. Bloomstone, G. L. McKinnon, E. W. Ashton. 441—H. F. Breckinbridge, K. Campbell, C. E. Copeland, J. Gascoigne, W. A. Keetch, R. Knight, H. M. Robbins, R. Ramsay, E. G. Scott, W. W. Somers, J. Tullock, W. E. Ansley, K. G. Loveland, J. H. McEachren. 447—N. McArthur, O. W. Rusk, C. Williams, W. Irvin, N. Douglas, J. Hess. 451—J. Osborne, R. J. Ford. 453—A. Stewart, C. B. Stewart, S. R. Freed, W. H. Fitzpatrick, G. Fitzpatrick, A. Ross. 451—B. Bell. 455—R. D. Carty, James Lewis, T. D. Cox, J. J. McLeod. 461—W. H. Wheatcroft, A. Watt, J. F. McKenzie, T. Hill, W. Cameron, H. Rock, J. Redpath, J. H. Lawrence, C. E. Sullivan, E. Reith, F. Conroy, A. Saelton, N. T. Owens, H. Parslow, J. A. Baillie, W. Manchester, W. McQuaker, A. Mimilly, A. Stokes, J. A. Miller. 465—H. F. Johnston, W. Smith. 469—S. L. B. McDonald, D. M. Paul, T. Taylor, M. C. Pearson. 470—C. Tucker, C. Eberts. 471—W. Hogg. 472—H. N. McArthur, A. F. Lulleman, C. F. Hayes, J. Barnes, J. W. Meredith, R. Gunn, W. T. S. Gunn. 473—J. C. McGuinness, W. R. Mead. 474—A. Baldock, W. T. Hunt, C. E. Gilbert, W. L. Clarke, W. A. Robinson, C. E. Hilton. 479—E. W. B. Richards, R. A. F. Blair, G. B. Healey, R. W. Cummings, J. A. Coons, G. W. Taylor, B. A. Wallace, R. B. Stearns, A. E. Morrow, D. W. Howell. 483—N. Cameron. 484—A. T. Dalgleish, E. Gordon, J. H. Ferguson. 485—J. Dadds, W. F. Hilliard, C. T. Young, H. A. Sharp, W. S. Malcolmson, W. T. McCosh, L. Jacobs, W. S. Leask, H. C. Meek, J. J. Edwards, J. A. Griffith, A. E. McKee, H. W. Airth, J. McCuaig, J. Bell, J. W. Ellard, C. Devlin, J. M. Balacan. J. Sage. 486—L. Dubeau, J. Fitzsimmons. 490—J. H. G. Wallace. 491—S. G. Moore. 492—J. Handley. 493—J. W. Graham, P. Elgie. 494—A. D. Chipchase, H. C. Lee, J. Wearing, E. I. Horwood, W. A. McKinnon, J. E. Booth, C. Bezner. 495—B. Wilhelm, J. H. Boyd, W. J. Banks, W. Mason. 499—H. Parslow, J. M. Poole. 506—N. G. Cunningham, G. Gray, J. M. McGill, G. Kersey, J. A. Brown, H. W. Evans, W. B. Hargraves. 507—A. J. Reece, E. B. Fulton, J. A. McConnell, J. Garvin, T. A. Ellis. 508—F. G. Thomas, B. G. P. Forsayeth. 510—H. J. Perks, W. J. Farrall. 513—A. H. Rosenberg, J. W. Bowman. 514—P. J. Vernon, G. Stevenson. 515—P. E. Hicks, A. A. Wettstein. 528—H. T. Cameron, H. J. Quinn. 531—J. J. Shelley. 532—H. J. D. Cooke.

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No. 72—William E. Wilson. 257—H. W. D. Brown.

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No. 72—William E. Wilson. 316—S. Anderson.

DEATHS 1916-1917.

No. 3—R. K. Kilborn, 3 December, 1916; H. L. Mills, 3 September, 1916; J. M. Mowas, 7 October, 1916; H. J. Wilkinson, 22 September, 1916; R. J. McKelvey, 1 January, 1917; G. W. G. Grout, 14 February, 1917; David Givens, 5 March, 1917; F. Spraugenberg, 17 June, 1917. 5—H. Wilkinson, 26 August, 1916; W. B. Wilson, September 16, 1916; E. M. Mortimer, 26 February, 1917; L. L. de Carle, 28 February, 1917; E. C. H. Moore, 1917. 6—S. F. Lazier, 4 October, 1916; G. A. Inksetter, 1917; G. V. Taylor, 13 November, 1916; G. H. Cline, 1 January, 1917; J. H. Little, April, 1917; T. S. Dalton, 11 June, 1917; Thos. Attridge, 11 June, 1917. 7—J. A. Pettit, 15 July, 1916; A. Lonks, 9 December, 1916; W. Cowan, 24 February 1917. 9—E. F. Carkhill, 9 November, 1916; D. A. Nesbit, 5 January, 1917; T. G. Carscallen, 15 March, 1917; F. W. Smith, 7 May, 1917. 10—Alex. Ironsides, 9 December, 1916; G. G. Bamforth, 5 March, 1917; A. A. Culpe, 31 March, 1917; A. H. Pantin, 13 March, 1917; James Leask, 5 February, 1917. 11—J. F. Mather, 30 June, 1916; A. Mather, 30 June, 1916; A. Wallace, 13 August, 1916; W. C. McGinnis, 11 December, 1916. 15—Geo. Ritchie, 16 December, 1916; J. A. Mills, 23 March, 1917. 16—T. Mitchell, 2 November, 1916; J. Hawken, 9 November, 1916; F. S. Spence, 8 March, 1917; W. F. Wilson, 3 April, 1917. 17—Martin Jet, 10 January, 1917. 18—Z. M. Johnson, 27 November, 1916; H. C. Williamson, 9 April, 1917; A. C. Bowerman, 28 May, 1917. 20—G. Mortimer, 1 March, 1917; R. W. Mowat, 17 March, 1917; G. McAllister, March, 1917. 21a—R. H. Madill, 28 March, 1917; W. Taylor, 25 February, 1917; R. J. Brown, 18 May, 1917. 22—E. Gunther, 28 June, 1916; F. W. Whitehead, 28 September, 1916; S. Coxon, 27 February, 1917. 23—W. L. Trench, 21 October, 1916. 24—A. Percy, 25 May, 1917. 25—J. N. Garrow, 12 September, 1916; W. K. Pearce, 23 September, 1916; G. G. Burnett, 13 July, 1916; B. H. A. Burrows, 26 November, 1916; J. K. Kerr, 4 November, 1916; J. M. Langstaff, 3 March, 1917. 26—J. J. Turner, 1 November, 1916; A. J. F. Cobb, 8 April, 1917. 27—C. B. Linton, 20 October, 1916; R. C.,

Street, 16 December, 1916; Peter Reid, 13 June, 1916; S. G. Anderson, 5 March, 1917; J. J. Messer, 14 April, 1917; E. E. W. Moore, 6 April, 1917; W. W. Stewart, 14 April, 1917; A. E. Thoret, 25 September, 1916. 30—R. L. Huggard, 15 March, 1917; M. Harper, 27 April, 1917. 31—A. E. McLaughlin, 11 September, 1916; A. Beith, 10 November, 1916; H. Cann, 26 December, 1916; W. G. Buston, 10 April, 1917. 32—H. W. Miller, 1 April, 1917; E. Furry, 1 May, 1917. 33—M. C. E. Sale, 17 January, 1916; W. Bogie, 23 October, 1916; C. W. Babb, 7 November, 1916; T. C. Sturdy, 11 April, 1917; P. Holt, 18 April, 1917; A. G. Nesbitt, 10 April, 1917. 35—C. M. Howard, 8 October, 1916. 37—J. W. Patterson, 25 September, 1916; D. Secord, 27 December, 1916; J. Henderson, 13 January, 1917; J. Mac Donald, 17 May, 1917. 38—G. R. Weller, 12 October, 1916; H. C. Cole, 4 September, 1916; T. German, 18 April, 1917. 40—D. McPhie, 8 August, 1916; W. Pitt, 14 September, 1916; H. Morris, 27 September, 1916; T. H. Knowles, 3 November, 1916; J. H. Mattice, 20 December, 1916; C. W. McNeil, 3 January, 1917; C. E. Thompson, 2 February, 1917; A. Baird, 6 May, 1917; J. T. Laking, 26 May, 1917; R. Wilson, 20 June, 1917. 41—E. W. McCormick, 6 July, 1916; L. Malott, 30 January, 1917; H. Allen, 6 January, 1917. 42—W. Taylor, 22 April, 1917. 43—W. L. Spucks, 15 July, 1916; J. S. Scarff, 4 October, 1916; P. Irving, 4 March, 1917; F. R. Jenkins, 13 April, 1917; A. Stengel, 30 March, 1917; F. N. Wetmore, 9 May, 1917. 44—C. A. Adams, 28 July, 1916; S. J. Spencer, 19 February, 1917; J. Belfrey, 19 March, 1917; F. C. Bartlett, 20 April, 1917; C. C. E. Thomson, 29 April, 1917; S. A. Smith, 6 May, 1917. 45—F. A. Fraser, 1 August, 1916; W. Groat, 23 August, 1916; L. Benedict, 19 September, 1916; J. W. Horsfall, 12 October, 1916; A. W. Daniels, 3 October, 1916; R. Bean, 18 April, 1917. 46—G. Stephens, 17 July, 1916; J. Birch, 1 July, 1916; C. Ladds, 9 July, 1916; R. T. Matthews, 12 August, 1916; W. Lively, 6 June, 1917. 47—R. E. Cunliffe, 26 July, 1916; R. Caldwell, 25 August, 1916; D. Clark, 4 September, 1916; T. Burnie, 25 September, 1916; E. D. Harrison, 4 March, 1917; D. Lummiss, 13 April, 1917; L. Love, 13 April, 1917; G. H. Mains, 18 February, 1917; J. Stephens, 19 February, 1917; J. Mallott, 28 February, 1917; J. E. D'Avignon, 5 March, 1917; J. Gibson, 14 March, 1917; A. L. Iron, 18 June, 1917. 48—J. P. Clarke, 23 September, 1916; W. J. Tumelty, 15 December, 1916. 52—J. Cook, 28 December, 1916. 54—E. B. Reid, 22 April, 1917. 55—W. H. McCrea, 25 September, 1916. 56—W. A. Henderson, 25 October, 1916; E. F. Goodison, 29 October, 1916; S. Cowan, October, 1916. 58—J. B. Manson, 11 October, 1916; R. W. Nichols, 26 October, 1916; J. Hector, 27 November, 1916; W. H. L. Lowrie, 15 October, 1916; W. H. Baldwin, 13 July, 1916; R. E. Bell, 31 May, 1917. 61—H. Farine, 19 December, 1916; J. S. Huntoon, 24 July, 1916; E. B. Barnes, 1 August, 1916; J. Blois Smith, 2 November, 1916; H. C. Moran, May, 1917; T. Lang, 28 January, 1917; R. B. Hill, 30 January, 1917; Ben. Harris, 14 March, 1917; D. Carson, 21 March, 1917. 62—S. Dougherty, 18 February, 1917. 63—H. McNabb, 7 October, 1916. 64—C. C. Howey, 6 March, 1917; W. N. Ashplant, 10 November, 1916. 65—E. C. Stoutenbuck, 6 July, 1916; A. M. Haggart, 8 October, 1916; J. McQuillan, 14 December, 1916; C. H. Mortimer, 11 February, 1917; John Dodds, 22 February, 1917; C. R. Needs, 27 February, 1917; F. A. Bain, 17 March, 1917; John Hawley, 6 April, 1917; R. L. Patterson, 21 April, 1917. 66—Chas. Rutherford, 21 January, 1917. 69—J. McCurdy, 10 November, 1916. 72—T. W. Vardon, 30 June, 1916; A. Crozier, 10 June, 1916; R. Douglas, 8 October, 1916; S. R. Sheldon, 7 May, 1917. 73—J. Lyons, 11 August, 1916; W. Johnston, 13 January, 1917. 75—A. Norman, 17 September, 1916; R. Begg, 24 May, 1917; G. Hodgins, 31 January, 1917; C. Smith, April, 1917; G. T. G. Chapman, 31 May, 1917. 76—G. Douglas, 8 November, 1916; D. W. Karn, 18 September, 1916. 77—J. Graham, 17 December, 1916; J. R. McDonald, 13 October, 1916; J. Pearn, 20 November, 1916; A. J. Williams, 15 August, 1916; W. H. Gross, 9 March, 1917; D. G. Mitchell, 10 April, 1917. 78—W. S. Law, 17 November, 1916; J. Mero, 25 April, 1917. 79—E. A. Collings, 3 February, 1917. 81—H. Gillman, 29 July, 1916; D. Small, 5 August, 1916; F. Grigg, 31 December, 1916; H. G. Lindsay, 1 April, 1917. 82—J. Cunningham, 25 November, 1916; P. E. McLarty, 13 November, 1916. 83—E. M. Curry, 1 September, 1916. 84—J. Hunter, 28 June, 1916; W. J. Mitchell, 13 August, 1916; W. Sheppard, 27 December, 1916. 86—A. G. Williams, 31 August, 1916; A. E. B. Hemingway, 18 September, 1916; H. Wade, October, 1916; J. H. Emerson, November, 1916; W. Cooper, 13 January, 1917; H. Carr, 2 April, 1917; C. E. Cooper, 23 October, 1916. 87—O. S. Hicks, 1917; W. Lott, 1917. 88—R. McMurchy, 28 June, 1916; O. C. Brown, 12 June, 1917. 91—J. T. Nunn, 14 January, 1917; J. Dougherty, 11 January, 1917; E. M. Onyon. 92—W. B. Card, 25 August, 1916; R. McMillan, 10 September, 1916; J. McIntyre, 4 October, 1916; M. H. Halladay, 24 October, 1916; A. G. Sinclair, 10 November, 1916; C. T. McKay, 30 June, 1917; H. L. Wilmot, 17 June, 1917. 94—F. J. Mitchell, 96—W. C. Andrew, 23 July, 1916; R. M. Ness, 25 December, 1916. 100—J. Riach, 12 February, 1917; J. W. Vanatter, 9 April, 1917. 101—J. C. Anderson, 23 September, 1916; J. T. Green, 25 February, 1917; T. A. S. Hay, 28 March, 1917. 103—D. H. Mylchrest, 6 September, 1916; W. McGibbon, 5 December, 1916. 104—C. W. Beattie, November, 1916; H. H. Van Valkenburg, 24 March, 1917. 105—F. Le Blond, 13 November, 1916; W. Dalton, 20 December, 1916; W. Dafeo, 21 February, 1917. 107—W. H. Logan, 17 May, 1917. 108—D. D. Allan, 14

September 1916; J. B. Smith, 16 November, 1916; H. L. Hughes, 1917. 110—C. C. Brouse, 2 October, 1916; J. H. Kenning, 7 February, 1915. 113—A. Bomlley, 19 July, 1916; H. S. York, 22 October, 1916; H. L. Cunningham, 7 November, 1916; A. A. Collier, 3 March, 1917. 114—J. Yeo, 12 September, 1916; A. W. Adamson, 19 September, 1916; J. McMahon, 18 November, 1916. 115—G. W. Poole, 29 September, 1916; G. Ryckman, 31 October, 1916; T. Wood, 8 December, 1916. 119—D. T. Rouse, 2 July, 1916. 121—J. P. Morrison, 24 December, 1916; C. A. Felker, 8 June, 1917; R. M. Junck, 15 April, 1917. 123—N. Allen, 28 November, 1916; A. J. McLaren, 2 July, 1916; G. W. Palmer, 8 October, 1916; W. H. Hudson, 8 October, 1916; T. H. Fennel, 17 May, 1916; B. K. Allen, 15 September, 1916; J. A. L. Anderson, February, 1917; H. Corby, 24 April, 1917; N. Lingham, 11 March, 1917. 126—S. Cock, 29 January, 1917. 127—S. A. Dupran, 18 December, 1916; J. E. Ketcheson, 19 August, 1916. 128—R. T. McLaughlin, 3 October 1916; A. Gordon, 26 October, 1916; W. F. Munro, 1 October, 1916; J. Harrison, 23 May, 1917. 131—A. Gray, 8 January, 1917. 133—W. D. Weeks, 30 January, 1917; J. Rush, 1 May, 1917; E. Christie, 18 May, 1917; J. M. Moir, 26 May, 1917. 135—R. M. Brown, 6 March, 1916. 139—E. H. Lick, 19 July, 1916; L. M. Brooks, 25 September, 1916; F. Lambert, 7 October, 1916; T. G. Ryley, 28 November, 1916; J. Luke, 22 February, 1917; A. E. Hogarth, 1 March, 1917. 140—A. White, 7 March, 1917. 143—C. C. Brouse, 2 October, 1916; G. A. Shaver, 4 September, 1916; J. A. Gaudie, February, 1917. 144—T. A. Voyce, 9 July, 1916; J. M. Wilson, 25 August, 1916; S. M. Loghrin, 16 September, 1916; E. T. Hayter, 16 September, 1916; W. Dyer, 3 January, 1917; J. J. Landreth, 7 April, 1917; J. T. McDermid, 28 April, 1917; F. R. Blewett, 10 May, 1917. 145—A. E. Wartman, 16 October, 1916; J. C. Kells, 15 March, 1917. 147—S. L. Ramsay, 17 August, 1916; J. L. Lees, 7 September, 1916. 148—G. E. Tyler, September, 1916; J. M. Longman, 15 October, 1916; D. D. Cairns, 15 June, 1917; W. A. Cameron, 24 February, 1917; L. W. Coutlee, 3 May, 1917. 151—J. C. Meuller, 20 October, 1916; G. Moore, 23 October, 1916; G. H. Bowlby, 11 November, 1916; D. Ratz, 13 January, 1917; J. C. Heyd, 12 April, 1917. 153—A. E. Goudie, 20 September, 1916. 154—M. H. O'Neil, 1 December, 1916; 155—J. J. Turner, Sr., 1 November, 1916; W. R. G. Higgins, 13 August, 1916; R. F. Morrow, 21 January, 1917; R. Clegg, 17 June, 1917. 156—F. Pitts, 1917; E. A. Wickson, 1917. 157—J. H. Butler, 18 December, 1916. 158—A. P. Chalmers, 16 May, 1917. 161—E. Outam, 3 February, 1917. 164—T. Jackson, 5 November, 1916; H. A. Macdonald, 9 November, 1916. 165—S. A. Hunter, 169—H. R. Monck, 15 February, 1917; F. W. Kingston, 22 March, 1917; T. Turner, 4 January, 1917. 172—T. B. Henderson, 28 August, 1916. 174—W. C. Vocum, 177—E. J. Snattleworth, 15 November, 1916; J. P. Featherstone, 17 June, 1917; C. W. F. Gorrell, 21 January, 1917; J. Potts, 29 April, 1917; J. Robertson, 16 May, 1917; L. A. Smith, 25 April, 1917; W. C. Thomas, 24 February, 1917; G. G. Rowe, 26 May, 1917. 178—Jas. T. Hastings, 15 September, 1916; J. B. Hewitt, 19 September, 1916. 180—E. W. Junlin, 1 December, 1916; W. T. Doughty, Jr., 5 February, 1917; O. H. Ainsworth, 11 May, 1917. 181—W. F. Light, 19 August, 1916. 186—N. McLeod, 2 July, 1917. 192—E. Watkins, 25 July, 1916; E. Long, 5 October, 1916; W. Moore, 7 January, 1917; H. Parsons, 21 May, 1917. 193—W. Hall, 16 November, 1916. 194—J. Stalker, 5 March, 1917. 195—W. J. Reid, 17 December, 1916. 196—J. C. Williams, 20 August, 1916. 200—A. L. McKechnie, 27 June, 1916; G. J. Reid, 17 October, 1916. 201—W. W. Bennett, 30 December, 1916; J. A. Black, 26 April, 1917. 207—A. L. Grant, 29 December, 1916. 209—A. B. Lees, 5 July, 1916. 209a—W. O'Brien, 22 June, 1916; T. Summer, 21 July, 1916; W. Gray, 12 December, 1916; E. McKenzie, 4 February, 1917; Chas. McArthur, 24 February, 1917; L. H. Yeo, 12 April, 1917. 217—S. Hicks, 8 July, 1916; H. J. Morris, 30 June, 1916; 218—J. T. Seymour, 2 December, 1916; W. J. Walsh, 8 October, 1916; W. J. S. Connon, 5 July, 1916; F. J. Freeman, 1 January, 1917. P. Braniere, 5 February, 1917; T. M. Smith, 26 April, 1917; W. Kemp, 14 January, 1917. 219—E. T. Leslie, 8 December, 1916; C. C. Roe, 10 March, 1917; J. R. Barber, 3 March, 1917. 221—J. J. St. John, 24 September, 1916; S. Jardine, January, 1917; W. J. Forse, 1917. 222—R. B. Prout, 2 October, 1916; J. N. Troats, November, 1916. 223—J. F. Rathwell, May, 1917. 224—W. Buchanan, 19 January, 1917. 225—A. St. G. Hawkins, 12 November, 1916; A. Roos, 11 December, 1916; N. S. Later, 20 February, 1917; F. R. Blewett, 10 May, 1917. 228—J. K. Kerr, 4 November, 1916; S. A. Denyes; N. P. Wood. 230—W. J. Hallett, 28 March, 1917; F. J. Robinson, 27 May, 1917; 231—D. M. Chambers, 12 January, 1917; R. H. Maas, 18 March, 1917; I. H. Rice, 6 June, 1917. 233—W. J. Semple, 1917; R. S. Roberts, 25 March, 1917. 234—J. W. Boyd, 5 September, 1916; W. Marrs, 27 May, 1915; T. Pinch, 2 January, 1917; P. McArthur, 27 March, 1917. 235—R. B. Grant, 7 September, 1916. 236—J. S. Duff, 17 November, 1916; J. H. Rainey, 1 October, 1916. 239—J. W. Lane, 22 November, 1916; J. Irvine, 25 December, 1916; J. Shaw, 2 March, 1917. 242—D. Fysh, 30 August, 1916; J. E. Scott, 8 October, 1916. 247—H. S. Holcroft 8 July, 1916; J. E. Robertson, 9 March, 1917; H. J. McTaggart, 15 September, 1916; C. M. Guchrist, 4 October, 1916; J. Raine, 31 October, 1916 E. Gillis, 21 December, 1916; F. C. Snider, 2 April, 1917. 249—A. Campbell, 23 September, 1916; W. McCallum, 27 November, 1916. 250—T. J. Humphrey, 13 May, 1917. 253—

C. Milton, 19 November, 1916. 254—J. Kimmins, 24 July, 1916. I. L. McCartney, 5 October, 1916. 255—I. B. Webster, 25 June, 1917. 256—Arthur W. Ault, 9 November, 1916; Abram D. Bockus, 20 August, 1916. 257—W. Murray, 13 December, 1916; H. Wallace, 8 March, 1917; J. S. A. McPhatter, 23 June, 1917. 258—G. J. Newton, 5 December, 1916. 260—E. Pollard, 21 January, 1917; G. S. Pitken, 16 March, 1917. 261—W. Albert, 19 May, 1916. 263—N. Kimball, 8 September, 1916. 264—W. E. Turner, 18 December, 1916; H. S. Smith, 23 December, 1916; S. A. Garrow, 16 March, 1917; G. Seaver, 6 June, 1917; J. F. Watson, 12 May, 1917; T. Church, 7 March, 1917. 267—C. Bardwell, 17 December, 1916; W. W. Myers, 2 February, 1917; C. O. Allen, 22 March, 1917; O. M. Welliston, 28 May, 1917. 269—R. Brodie, 30 September, 1916; J. Palmer, 18 October, 1916; J. Bundy, 2 November, 1916; 270—J. Lauder, 22 May, 1917. 274—J. K. Morris, 27 January, 1917. 277—W. B. Clark, 20 October, 1916; J. Davidson, 18 November, 1916; J. B. Houston, 13 April, 1917; J. S. Greenhill, 13 April, 1917; W. C. S. Holland, May, 1917. 279—G. Robertson, July, 1916. 282—J. Harris, 19 November, 1916; A. B. McLeilan, 18 April, 1917; D. Boam, 6 June, 1917. 283—H. McIninch, 9 March, 1917; T. H. G. McCroadan, 1917. 284—W. F. Stewart, 25 April, 1917. 285—J. S. Allan, 22 October, 1916; J. Ruthven, 18 December, 1916; J. Buyers, 26 May, 1917. 286—W. E. Groves, 24 June, 1917. 287—A. Gray, 19 September, 1916; C. C. Forneri, 5 December, 1916; G. Paul, 2 July, 1916; H. Gwynne, 18 June, 1917. 289—A. G. Thompson, 23 December, 1913. 290—F. McDonald, 29 September, 1916; E. Fitchell, 7 September, 1916; W. F. McKenzie, 10 February, 1917; J. D. Wilkinson, 6 March, 1917. 291—M. C. L. Kitchen, 5 February, 1917. 292—G. F. Wild, 19 August, 1916; 294—J. L. Smith, 10 September, 1916. 296—G. Barclay, 5 June, 1917. 297—F. Fischer, 25 September, 1916; 302—R. C. Devlin, 23 September, 1916. 304—J. Black, 26 September, 1916; P. Peacock, 6 May, 1917. 305—J. E. King, 7 January, 1917; W. H. Bell, 5 June, 1917; J. R. Phillips, 22 June, 1917. 306—N. W. Campbell, 11 April, 1917; T. Stinson, 4 March, 1917. 307—J. Smith, 29 July, 1916; J. H. McChesney, 15 April, 1917; W. J. George, 27 January, 1917. 309—W. Vanstone, 7 November, 1916. 312—F. Harris, 15 December, 1916. 313—J. Hull, 30 March, 1917; G. N. Melburn, 5 April, 1917. 314—T. H. Bennetto, 21 January, 1917; D. Forsyth, 19 April, 1917. 315—A. Wenger, 14 February, 1917; C. O. Hooper, 1 May, 1917. 316—Jas. S. Duff, 16 November, 1916; J. Hewitt, 2 February, 1917; T. B. Laister, 6 March, 1917; B. D. Humphrey, 2 April, 1917; T. Bewley, 16 April, 1917; F. P. Fox, 19 May, 1917; W. E. H. Wheriton, 25 May, 1917; T. B. Johnson, 24 June, 1917. 319—C. M. Howard, November, 1916; C. B. Almas, 4 June, 1917. 320—A. A. Johnston, 17 November, 1916; J. V. Cameron, 4 June, 1917. 321—C. O. Beardmore, 15 July, 1916. 322—G. M. Young, 18 August, 1916; J. Tretheway, 25 December, 1916; J. M. Davis, 3 June, 1917. 323—J. M. Courtwright, 7 June, 1917. 324—D. McPhie, 8 August, 1916; F. Ford, 9 September, 1916; S. F. Lazier, 4 October, 1916; T. G. Gaston, 2 November, 1916; E. R. Pay, 13 January, 1917; A. Hutton, 13 January, 1917; G. R. Robinson, 7 April, 1917; H. Jones, March, 1917. 325—J. Waddell, 8 December, 1916; J. F. Cain, April, 1917. 326—G. Burruss, 5 July, 1916; W. H. Lailey, 28 August, 1916; J. Edgeworth, 17 October, 1916; A. G. Miller, 14 November, 1916; C. E. Gardman, 27 December, 1916; R. A. Nesbit, 3 January, 1917. 327—J. Armstrong, 25 February, 1917. 328—A. D. Smith, 16 March, 1917. 329—J. Duncan, 1 July, 1916; G. B. Manson, 6 October, 1916; E. B. McDonald, 2 December, 1916; C. A. Rodgers, 1 March, 1917. 330—J. Coomber, 30 April, 1917; W. F. Taylor, 26 May, 1917. 331—T. Littlejohn, 4 May, 1917. 332—C. Wilson, 25 November, 1916; E. K. Barnsdale, 2 August, 1916. 333—C. H. Munshaw, 6 October, 1916; D. T. Carter, 16 October, 1916; A. J. Murchie, 23 April, 1915. 334—J. A. Hawson, 21 February, 1917. 338—J. Gilmore, 12 February, 1917. 339—T. Davies, 19 September, 1916; W. McAllister, 4 August, 1916; A. Neal, 23 September, 1916. 343—T. A. Wilson, 27 October, 1916; C. Porter, 8 December, 1916; W. H. Thompson, 8 January, 1917. 345—W. H. Shaw, 20 March, 1917; 346—R. H. Hunter, 2 July, 1916. 347—T. F. Shaw, 5 January, 1916; J. Allan, 2 June, 1917. 348—C. A. Darling, 15 September, 1916. 352—A. F. Butterworth, 20 July, 1916; J. W. Findlay, 30 July, 1916. 354—W. S. Burns, 16 December, 1916; H. W. Mann, 28 April, 1917. 357—C. Franks, 29 August, 1916. 358—W. Parsons, 27 June, 1916. 360—J. Matthews, 10 August, 1916; J. H. Willmott, 5 December, 1916; W. W. Kinsey, 1 April, 1917. 361—J. Hewer, 28 November, 1916; F. Hendley, 29 November, 1916; J. S. McEachlan, 14 October, 1916. 362—J. Kennedy, 28 March, 1917; R. C. Bruce, 31 March, 1917; R. Dolphin, 29 April, 1917. 364—D. C. Stephens, 18 July, 1916; C. Williamson, 28 December, 1916. 367—J. A. Winning, 28 October, 1916; J. Mouldy, 27 November, 1916; A. R. Macgregor, 1916; C. Cottenden, 9 April, 1917; G. C. Mooring, 8 May, 1917; J. Dunlop, 16 May, 1917. 368—L. R. Wetherell, 29 July, 1916; W. V. McDonald, 21 November, 1916; R. I. Jelley, 29 January, 1917; J. J. Mallory, 27 January, 1917; C. R. Rudd, 8 June, 1917; A. F. J. Chapman, 20 May, 1917; J. A. Craig, 24 January, 1917. 369—J. M. Davey, 23 April, 1915; T. Tyers, 4 December, 1916; W. T. Morgan, 9 April, 1917. 371—R. A. de Olloqui, 14 January, 1917. 372—J. A. Graham, 23 March, 1917. S. C. Smith, 26 February, 1917. 374—W. G. Robertson, February, 1916; T. Fox, 8 April, 1917. 376—C. Morley, 1916. 378—T. Wedderburn, 26

December, 1916. 379—M. E. Roberts, 1 August, 1916; 380—C. S. Wakeling, 16 September, 1916; R. Whitman, 28 December, 1916; H. P. Dullhenty, 15 January, 1917; W. Milner, 15 May, 1917. 382—J. B. Anderson, 15 May, 1917; Jas. Bal-four, 10 April, 1917; W. B. Harper, 8 March, 1917; W. H. Stewart, 23 February, 1917. 383—A. Kennedy, 17 August, 1916. 384—S. W. Baker, 9 August, 1916; A. Neal, 25 September, 1916; C. F. Currie, 25 November, 1916; J. Gray, 15 January, 1917; J. Robinson, 6 March, 1917; O. L. Jackson, 21 June, 1917; J. Morrison, 15 January, 1917; R. S. Lewis, 22 April, 1917. 387—H. Ferris, 11 March, 1917; W. J. Webster, 6 June, 1917. 390—S. Barns, 2 August, 1916. 395—J. Anderson, 15 October, 1916. 396—J. McKim, 5 December, 1916. 398—D. A. McRae, 17 September, 1916; H. Lacey, 2 February, 1917. 400—W. H. Robinson, 8 April, 1917. 401—D. Dulmage, 8 January, 1912; T. G. Campbell, 16 May, 1917. 403—A. Ruthvan, 13 July, 1916; C. W. Pike, 8 October, 1916. 404—T. W. Mac Knight, 4 September, 1916; G. H. Dean, 19 February, 1917; J. M. Smith, 8 January, 1917. 405—S. Gamble, 15 February, 1917. 408—R. W. Turp, 1 July, 1916; G. Suter, 3 November, 1916. 409—W. R. Cavell, 9 July, 1916; J. W. Carter, 20 August, 1916; R. H. Guthrie, 26 August, 1916; W. B. Dack, 20 October, 1916; A. T. Allport, 7 October, 1916; G. W. Stephenson, 410—J. Babe, 7 March, 1917; G. W. Stephenson, 26 December, 1916; J. B. Ironside, 2 May, 1917; A. H. McGregor, 5 May, 1917; J. Zillinski, 21 Mar., 1917; R. M. Mishaw, 3 May, 1917; H. Rogers, 7 April, 1917; 412—G. A. Reid, 8 October, 1916; H. C. Punnett, September, 1916; M. McFadden, 10 January, 1917. 414—A. E. McLeod, 2 August, 1916; J. B. Marten, 4 June, 1916. 415—J. S. Cassels, 1 October, 1916; C. Morley, Sr., 21 December, 1916; E. Newell, 23 December, 1916; W. R. Butters, 13 March, 1917. 418—W. H. Barnhart, 12 December, 1916; C. T. Smith, 12 July, 1916. 419—A. Karr, 5 October, 1916. 420—J. M. Smith 25 November, 1915. 421—T. J. Duffy, 7 March, 1917; T. J. Ruth, 4 January, 1917; G. McQuillin, 26 January, 1917. 422—S. J. Thompson, 4 March, 1917. 426—J. H. Paul, September, 1916; F. C. Goodrich, September 1916; J. W. Boyd, 1917; W. R. Sheppard, 22 February, 1917; T. J. Gerry, 31 March, 1917. 427—T. Evans, 10 July, 1916; W. Smith, 1 February, 1917. 428—R. E. Shaw, 3 September, 1916; W. Jamieson, 10 December, 1916; J. Nott, 10 March, 1917; E. D. Wallace, 27 March, 1917. 430—F. A. Case, 5 July, 1916. 434—J. Bell, 22 September, 1916; E. A. McLean, 10 October, 1916. 437—A. McIntosh, 18 September, 1916; R. Wanless, 4 March, 1917; A. Simpson, 26 March, 1917; R. Belt, 19 February, 1917; A. Wyseman, 19 April, 1917. 438—C. H. Kleesberger, 17 December, 1916; J. E. McLeod, 9 July, 1916; J. Phillips, 26 October, 1916. 441—W. Crozier, 18 January, 1917. 445—C. E. Farr, 9 May, 1917. 446—P. A. Wright, December, 1916. 447—H. E. Piercy, 14 October, 1916; J. W. McInnis, 4 January, 1917. 448—W. Omstead, 29 August, 1916. 450—F. E. Hall, 1916; J. Campbell, 18 January, 1917; R. W. Padgett, 26 April, 1917. 451—R. Day, 9 September, 1916. 453—J. J. Shannon, 13 September, 1916; C. L. Hallett, 19 May, 1917. 455—H. M. English, 10 September, 1916; A. McIvor, 10 July, 1916; J. Ellenton, 2 April, 1916. 456—J. Scott, 31 October, 1916. 458—C. C. Farran, 1 August, 1916. 459—A. C. Menzies, 6 July, 1916; T. J. Kennedy, 29 August, 1916; J. Maughn, 26 October, 1916; A. C. Wagner, 18 October, 1916; S. Pewer, 17 May, 1917. 462—J. Warner, December, 1916; W. M. Reday, 3 September, 1916. 468—G. A. Field, 31 October, 1916. 469—M. McFadden, 10 January, 1917; J. W. Carroll, 22 May, 1917. 471—S. J. Hill, 27 April, 1917. 472—A. A. McAlpine, January, 1917; R. R. Gamey, 19 March, 1917. 473—Wm. Echreht, 29 October, 1916; G. J. Stanley, 1916. 474—T. R. Townsend, 22 December, 1916; R. Inman, 18 November, 1916; E. R. Rogers, 20 April, 1917; C. T. Boddington, 7 April, 1917. 475—J. R. Cameron, September, 1916; A. Gorman, 25 January, 1917; W. H. Robinson, 8 April, 1917. 479—W. H. Lawrie, 15 October, 1916. 481—McCrea W. Blair, 23 September, 1916; R. V. Jones, 9 April, 1917. 482—E. Bartlett, 484—W. A. Quibell, March, 1917; L. Johnston, May, 1917. 485—F. H. Young, 29 July, 1916; F. C. Maund, 15 September, 1916; C. C. Green, 2 September, 1916; R. Laird, 1 May, 1917; O. M. Hennessy, 20 June, 1917. 486—W. H. Hamilton, 29 July, 1916; W. F. Peterman, 26 September, 1916; A. C. Bailey, 21 March, 1917; R. A. Brewer, 1 June, 1917. 488—C. Richardson, 16 September, 1916; A. Murge, 24 September, 1916. 489—F. T. Frost, 16 August, 1916; S. W. Gilroy, 9 October, 1916; R. Henderson, 9 April, 1917. 493—W. J. McConnell, 11 September, 1916. 494—J. Cudmore, 30 June, 1916; F. Sands, July, 1916; C. Martin, 8 November, 1916; J. R. Bibby, 20 June, 1917; P. Waters, 25 May, 1917. 495—D. McPhie, 10 August, 1916. 497—J. G. Monds, 11 April, 1917. 498—R. R. Day, 1916; W. Batty, 8 April, 1917. 499—A. McAllen, 19 November, 1916; N. Darroch, 3 June, 1916; L. T. Barclay, 8 October, 1916; D. Lloyd, 3 June, 1916. 500—J. A. Jessop, October, 1916. 501—J. Wallford, 19 January, 1917; J. R. McFarland, 19 June, 1917. 503—J. M. Courtwright, 2 June, 1917. 506—S. J. McKaig, 10 December, 1916. 507—A. M. Daniels, 23 April, 1916; A. J. Ansley, July, 1916. 510—W. A. Quibell, 25 February, 1917. 514—M. James, 11 September, 1916; C. C. Watt, October, 1916. 517—A. Bradley, 23 July, 1916; W. H. McGuire, 3 December, 1916. 518—J. H. Spahr. 519—O. J. Fearman, 3 April 1917. 520—A. J. Jackson, 6 December, 1916; T. H. Sneath, 9 September, 1916; L. W. Horne, 26 September, 1916; A. J. Morrow, September, 1916. 523—W. R. G. Higgins, 13 August, 1916. 529—W. Parsons, 27 June, 1916. 535—G. Christmas, 8 April, 1917; R. W. Page, 10 May, 1917.

RESTORATIONS, 1916-1917.

No. 2—John Redhead. 6—D. C. James. 7—H. S. Oakley. 9—W. Rankin. 11—G. Johnston, J. S. Cook, S. E. Phippen, J. S. G. Phippen. 14—F. Dettrick. 15—W. Slingerland. 18—C. S. McGillivray. 21a—R. J. McRae. 24—C. Coghlán. 26—A. A. Jordan. 27—W. J. Palmer. 33—J. Beattie, J. Tancott. 37—C. H. Summer, W. Rigney. 40—H. Fisher, C. Magginis. 44—W. Stokes, S. Webb. 45—F. Stanley, G. A. Hawley, A. W. Doerigner. 47—N. T. Cadyr. 52—W. N. Ostrom, H. O. Bompas. 56—W. H. Kenny. 61—W. M. Wickins, H. C. Sache, W. A. Inwood, H. L. Sendon, D. Robinson. 64—B. E. Taylor, G. M. Justason, E. G. Hunt. 65—D. L. Kennedy. 68—G. Duncan, J. Forbes, A. P. La Chapell. 69—A. C. Ellis. 75—W. S. Jackson, C. S. Armstrong. 76—A. T. Rice, J. H. Nasmyth, J. T. Sullivan. 77—H. H. Roberts. 84—R. Graham, B. A. McEwen, N. Kennedy. 86—A. E. Hertel. 100—J. Mart. 105—R. Smith, R. J. Smith, W. Hogg, H. A. Campaigne, W. E. Tuttle. 107—C. E. Winters. 110—F. M. Scott, T. H. McDonald. 118—S. Leatherland. 119—D. T. Rowse. 121—W. A. Russell. 123—C. L. Cousins, B. E. M. Sills, J. E. Thompson. 126—E. Huff. 140—R. Owen, R. H. Maw. 141—S. H. Weir. 151—C. H. Boehmer, I. M. Walker. 156—J. Logie, F. W. Allen. 157—W. Fleming. 158—R. Anderson. 159—H. Benson. 165—W. L. Bunton. 166—M. Barker. 168—J. Blackburn. 172—A. G. Verchere. 177—E. H. Lethbridge. 178—W. B. McMicken, D. A. Hoggarth. 181—L. Lewis, W. Hollywood, T. E. Vollans. 193—W. F. Young, J. W. Mather. 196—W. H. Fletcher. 209a—W. G. Reed. 219—J. H. McPherson. 222—W. A. Sargent. 223—J. F. Kennedy. 225—D. H. Marshall, F. A. Cass. 230—W. D. Bothwell. 239—J. T. Kassack, C. M. Clare. 242—D. May. 249—W. Lewis. 250—R. A. Duncan. 262—J. Connell, W. H. Patterson, J. McRitchie. 264—J. F. Pratt, J. F. Watson, L. O. McCormack. 270—H. Davis. 272—H. A. Wells. 274—T. A. Spencer. 277—G. Daley, F. Pickers. 284—J. Young. 285—J. C. Gallaugher. 286—G. Spotton, J. H. Bowman. 287—J. K. Nelson, T. M. Tennant, A. G. Scott. 289—E. H. Morgan, F. H. Clarke, D. I. McArthur. 304—T. L. Lord, L. J. Simpson. 312—F. Oliver, W. B. Simon. 314—T. L. Waldon, C. Whitmore. 316—W. Seager, S. Ryan, J. H. Fawell, J. J. Thorley, J. W. W. Haynes. 319—O. Lockwood. 323—N. McIntyre, W. C. Hands. 324—J. H. B. Webster, R. T. Armstrong, M. W. Hopkins. 325—W. Cooney. 330—W. Fraser. 334—H. McDougall. 337—C. H. Vanderburg, A. Pearson. 346—F. C. Townsend. 348—D. F. Johnston. 352—C. A. Phillips. 356—A. L. Gordon. 364—F. Ottley, F. L. Williams. 367—W. S. Shaw. 368—J. W. Boyd. 369—J. R. Berry, W. C. Wilcox. 373—R. W. Eberly. 380—J. Readman, J. J. Gleinster, J. Learn. 382—D. Bell, T. Upton. 384—R. Hayes, L. W. Nixon. 385—Henry Wright. 387—J. Boaprey. 388—A. L. G. Clark. 392—T. Strong, J. W. Wilson, T. G. Gates. 396—D. McLennan, J. W. Philips. 398—P. Spence, B. Stacey, J. H. Staples. 403—E. J. Parsons, W. Robins, J. D. Anderson. 409—W. W. McPhee. 410—J. Rogers, H. Rogers, G. J. M. Forth, C. W. Bacon, A. V. H. Pearce. 412—J. A. Marshall. 413—E. S. Sales, J. Monery. 415—N. Armstrong, J. E. Richards, E. C. Whitelaw, J. R. Morton. 416—E. Westlake. 417—J. Cassels. 418—K. J. McLennen, W. H. Barnhart. 419—M. Hitchcock. 423—J. M. McDonald. 426—J. B. Spurr, J. B. Wilson. 431—J. S. McIntosh. 433—W. M. Senn. 435—J. W. Connor, C. White, J. D. Johnston. 438—E. R. Reed, G. J. Arlow, J. H. Self, M. G. Flick, J. C. Harvey. 439—G. L. McKinnon. 441—A. Eastan. 450—A. E. Harvey. 453—E. Armstrong. 455—H. M. English, J. S. Brooks, T. S. Cox. 457—C. W. Halliday. 460—R. B. Coleman. 470—W. A. Vasey. 484—A. J. Bruce. 486—C. Haywood. 494—J. E. Booth, C. H. Knapton. 495—A. E. Nord, F. W. Lanerton, J. Harvey. 506—J. M. McGill. 508—B. G. P. Forsayeth. 513—W. M. Wickens, A. H. Rosenberg. 525—H. H. Hines, J. Todd.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

James K. Kerr

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and a member of
Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto.

DIED 4th DECEMBER, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

Donald McPhie

P.D.D.G.M. Hamilton District No. 8, and a member of
St. John's Lodge No. 40, Hamilton.

DIED 8th AUGUST, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

Alfred B. Hurrell

P.D.D.G.M. Niagara District No. 10, and a member of
Palmer Lodge. 372, Bridgeburg.

DIED 9th OCTOBER, 1916.

Right Worshipful Brother

Fred. Holwell

P.D.D.G.M. Wellington District No. 7, and a member of
Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden.

DIED 3rd NOVEMBER, 1916.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

David A. Nesbit

P.D.D.G.M. Frontenac District No. 14, and a member of
Union Lodge No. 9, Napanee.

DIED 8th JANUARY, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

James M. Smith

P.D.D.G.M. Frontenac District No. 14, and a member of
Lorne Lodge No. 404, Tamworth.

DIED 8th JANUARY, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

Moses McFadden

P.D.D.G.M. Nipissing District No. 18, and a member of
Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie.

DIED 10th JANUARY, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

William A. Quibell

P.D.D.G.M. Algoma District No. 17, and a member of
Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden.

DIED 25th FEBRUARY, 1917.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

John E. D'Avignon

Past Grand Senior Warden, and a member of
Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor.

DIED 5th MARCH, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

John Hull

P.D.D.G.M. Otonabee District No. 20, and a member of
Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield.

DIED 30th MARCH, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

Robert C Bruce

P.D.D.G.M. North Huron District No. 5, and a member of
Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362, Tara.

DIED 31st MARCH, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

Rev. A. J. F. Cobb

Past Grand Chaplain, and a member of
Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope.

DIED 8th APRIL, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

William H. Robinson

P.D.D.G.M. Hamilton District No. 8, and a member of
Oakville Lodge No. 400, Oakville.

DIED 8th APRIL, 1917.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

R L. Patterson

Past Grand Senior Warden, and a member of
Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto.

DIED 21st APRIL, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

William Milner

P.D.D.G.M. London District No. 2, and a member of
Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy.

DIED 14th MAY, 1917.

Right Worshipful Brother

John P. Featherston

P.D.D.G.M. Ottawa District No. 16, and a member of
Doric Lodge No. 58, Ottawa.

DIED 17th JUNE, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Samuel Wesley

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie.

DIED 5th JULY, 1916.

Very Worshipful Brother

James S. Scarff

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Woodstock.

DIED 4th OCTOBER, 1916.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

Robert F. Morrow

Past Assistant Grand Secretary, and a member of
Peterborough Lodge No. 155, Peterborough.

DIED 2nd JANUARY, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

James Gibson

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a member of
Great Western Lodge No. 47, Windsor.

DIED 14th MARCH, 1917.

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John C. Kells

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
J. B. Hall Lodge No. 145, Millbrook.

DIED 15th MARCH, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

William J. Hallett

Past Grand Steward, and a member of
Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie.

DIED 28th MARCH, 1917.

Very Worshipful Brother

Louis W. Coutlee

Past Grand Organist, and a member of
Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Ottawa.

DIED 3rd MAY, 1917.

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Grievances and Appeals.

M. W. Bro. Hon. W. D. McPherson, Toronto (Chairman); M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke; W. R. White, Pembroke; Benjamin Allen, Toronto; D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia; S. A. Luke, Ottawa; R. W. Bros. J. F. Seun, Glanford; J. F. Allin, Peterborough; Wm. J. Logie, Paris; John McQuaker, Owen Sound; A. B. Rice, Toronto; M. P. McKay, Bracebridge; N. J. McAulay, Haileybury; W. S. Herrington, Napanee.

Constitution and Laws.

M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke (Chairman); Henry Robertson, Collingwood; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; Sir John M. Gibson, Hamilton; W. R. White, Pembroke; Benjamin Allen, Toronto; A. F. Freed, Hamilton; D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia; Hon. W. D. McPherson, Toronto; S. A. Luke, Ottawa.

Fraternal Dead.

R. W. Bros. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton (Chairman); Thos. E. Kaiser, Oshawa.

Printing and Supplies.

V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy (Chairman); M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Hamilton; R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton; E. E. Bond, Mt Brydges; Hugh Hyndman, Palmerston; Jas. A. McDonald, Tara.

Fraternal Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Hamilton (Chairman).

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At Grand Lodge of Canada		Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Canada	Name Address
		The United Kingdom		
M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	England	V.W. Bro. Alfred F. Robins	Sir Edward Letchworth London
M.W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Toronto	Ireland	W. Bro. Gerald Fitzgibbon, K.C.	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S. Dublin
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay	Kitchener	Scotland	R.W. Bro. J. Grierson	David Reid Edinburgh
		Dominion of Canada		
R.W. Bro. A. J. Young	North Bay	Alberta	M.W. Bro. S. V. Taylor	S. V. Taylor Calgary
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	Hamilton	British Columbia	W. Bro. Jos. R. Seymour	W. A. DeW. Smith N. Westminster
R.W. Bro. Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Manitoba	M.W. Bro. Most Rev. S. P. Matheson	James A. Ovas Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson	Toronto	New Brunswick	W. Bro. John B. M. Baxter	J. Twining Hartt St. John
R.W. Bro. George Malcolm	Stratford	Nova Scotia	R.W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray	Thomas Mowbray Halifax
R.W. Bro. Robert McKnight	Owen Sound	Prince Edward Island	M.W. Bro. Hon. John Yeo	W. P. Doull Charlottetown
R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks	Ottawa	Quebec	M.W. Bro. Isaac R. Stearns	W. H. Whyte Montreal
M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin	Toronto	Saskatchewan	W. Bro. G. M. Weir	Rev. W. B. Tate Regina
		Other British Colonies		
R.W. Bro. D. D. Campbell	Listowel	New South Wales	R.W. Bro. Hon. W. H. Simpson	Arthur H. Bray Sydney
R.W. Bro. John Boyd	Toronto	New Zealand	R.W. Bro. Charles Rhodes	Malcolm Niccol Auckland
R.W. Bro. G. S. May	Ottawa	Queensland	V.W. Bro. Albert Edwin Roberts	C. A. Harley Brisbane
M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C.	Pembroke	South Australia	R.W. Bro. H. M. Addison	Chas. R. J. Glover Adelaide
R.W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster	Toronto	Tasmania	R.W. Bro. H. J. Wise	John Hamilton Hobart
M.W. Bro. Hon. W. D. McPherson, K.C.	Toronto	Victoria	R.W. Bro. W. T. C. Kelly	Chas. J. Barrow Melbourne
R.W. Bro. W. J. Mooney	Stratford	Western Australia	R.W. Bro. Capt. Herbert B. Collet	J. D. Stevenson Perth
		United States of America		
R.W. Bro. F. J. Skinner	Gaithersburg	Alabama	W. Bro. Wm. W. Brandon	G. A. Beauchamp Montgomery
R.W. Bro. R. Hendry	Kingston	Arizona	W. Bro. Louis G. Moyers	Geo. J. Roskrug Tucson
R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, K.C.	Ingersoll	Arkansas	R.W. Bro. T. M. Horsfall	Ray Hempstead Little Rock
		California		
R.W. Bro. Arthur McGinnis	Belleville	Colorado	R.W. Bro. James R. Killian	John Whitcher San Francisco
R.W. Bro. Isaac Huber	Bracebridge	Connecticut	R.W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin	Chas. H. Jacobson Denver
R.W. Bro. R. A. Klock	Klock's Mills	Delaware	W. Bro. William H. Weeks	Geo. A. Kies Hartford
M.W. Bro. H. Robertson, K.C.	Collingwood	District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. Joseph H. Jochum	H. J. Guthrie Wilmington
R.W. Bro. G. H. Cleudennan	Toronto	Florida	R.W. Bro. Silas B. Wright	A. W. Johnston Washington
M.W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.	Pembroke	Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. K. Orr	W. P. Webster Jacksonville
V.W. Bro. J. H. Flock, K.C.	London	Idaho	W. Bro. Dan. T. A. Mackintosh	T. J. Carling Macon
				Geo. E. Knepper Boise

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R.W. Bro. Abraham Shaw	Kingston	R.W. Bro. S. O. Spring	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point	
R.W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Elias J. Jacoby	C. W. Prather	Indianapolis	
R.W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Hamilton	W. Bro. John C. Ketcheson	N. R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	
R.W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Sarnia	R.W. Bro. N. B. Null	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka	
R.W. Bro. J. B. Way	Sault Ste. Marie	R.W. Bro. Benj. L. Hadley	David Jackson	Louisville	
R.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope	Hamilton	W. Bro. John Hiltz	John A. Davilla	New Orleans	
R.W. Bro. A. H. Clark	Windsor	M.W. Bro. John Rowson	Charles B. Davis	Portland	
R.W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel	Halleybury	M.W. Bro. Ed. W. Durrant	Geo. Cook	Baltimore	
R.W. Bro. F. M. Morson	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Harry T. Howard	Frederick G. Speed	Boston	
R.W. Bro. Donald Sutherland	Princeton	M.W. Bro. Leroy B. Valliant	John R. Parson	Reed City	
M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson	Toronto	W. Bro. Jos. A. Hyde	Cornelius Hedges	St. Paul	
R.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C.	Toronto	W. Bro. Orien P. Iarace	Francis E. White	Vicksburg	
R.W. Bro. R. L. Patterson	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Frank Bell	E. D. Vanderleith	St. Louis	
V.W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Ira A. Chase	Harry M. Cheney	Omaha	
R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Day	Guelph	R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Shirreffs	Isaac Cherry	Carson City	
R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea	Toronto	R.W. Bro. S. B. Newcomb	A. A. Keen	Concord	
R.W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Hamilton	W. Bro. Franklin Ben	Robt. J. Kentworthy	Trenton	
R.W. Bro. John Hoodless	Hamilton	W. Bro. H. M. Potat	Wm. W. Willson	Albuquerque	
R.W. Bro. H. D. Leask	North Bay	W. Bro. Alex. B. Taylor	Wm. W. Willson	New York	
R.W. Bro. D. B. Bureh	Lambeth	W. Bro. Frank S. Harmon	Walter L. Stockwell	Ruleigh	
R.W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Brantford	R.W. Bro. A. E. Mouroney	J. H. Bromwell	Fargo	
V.W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan	Toronto	R.W. Bro. Donald Mackay	W. M. Anderson	Cincinnati	
R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid	Windsor	W. Bro. Clarence P. Bearse	James F. Robinson	Oklahoma City	
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bartram	Ottawa	W. Bro. Arden A. Lemon	John A. Perry	Philadelphia	
M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.	Toronto	W. Bro. Wm. E. Milligan	S. P. Williams	Providence	
R.W. Bro. Jas. McLuehlan	Owen Sound	R.W. Bro. Samuel Slager	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Columbia	
			Stith M. Cain	St. Louis	
				Nashville	

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R.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	Belleville.....	W. Bro. Elmer Renfro.....	W. B. Pearson.....	Waco.....
R.W. Bro. H. P. Stoneman.....	Belleville.....	R.W. Bro. Alex. Toponce.....	Freeman A. McCarty.....	Salt Lake City.....
M.W. Bro. S. A. Inke.....	Ottawa.....	M.W. Bro. Geo B. Wheeler.....	H. H. Ross.....	Burlington.....
R.W. Bro. T. H. Bruntton.....	Newmarket.....	W. Bro. Wm. S. Pettit.....	Chas. A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond.....
R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	Toronto.....	M.W. Bro. Vaney C. Blalock.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.....
M.W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C.....	Lindsay.....	R.W. Bro. W. H. Freeman.....	John M. Collins.....	Charleston.....
R.W. Bro. Henry Rush.....	Peterborough.....	M.W. Bro. Hiram W. Sawyer.....	W. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.....
	Wyoming.....		J. M. Lowndes.....	Lander.....
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R.W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	London.....	M.W. Bro. Houzeau de Lehaie.....	M. Rian Nedgrot.....	Rue du Persil, 8 a Brussels
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R.W. Bro. F. Davey Diamond.....	Belleville.....	Bro. Wm. E. Inksetter.....	Sergio Carhallo R.....	San Jose
R.W. Bro. George Fatt.....	Toronto.....	Jose L. Vidaurreta.....	Carlos G. Charles.....	Havana
			S. Stevenson.....	Atlanta
			Dr. Alex. Fraenkel.....	Budapest
R.W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, M.D.....	Toronto.....	Bro. Ettore Ferrari.....	Carlo Berlenda.....	Rome
R.W. Bro. R. Radcliffe.....	Goderich.....	Bro. A. J. DeGraaf, Jaul.nykenstract 106	H. P. Nieuwenburg.....	The Hague
		Bro. J. M. Samper Angiano.....		
R.W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Grimsby.....	Bro. Eduardo Lavergue.....	Manuel J. Caceres.....	Lima
R.W. Bro. Frederick Guest.....	St. Thomas.....	H. Glyde Gregory.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan
		Bro. Joas C. D'Almeida.....	Leopold A. P. Gomez.....	Lisbon
		Bro. Charles Gerster.....	Dr. Ad. Sireuli.....	
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		Bro. Charles H. Magee.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	Manila

Appendix to Proceedings of 1917

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

A. T. Freed, P. G. M., Chairman

To the President of the Board of General Purposes :

On behalf of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence I beg to submit the following report. Proceedings of Grand Lodges reviewed are the following :

Alabama	1916	New South Wales.....	1916
Alberta.....	1916	New York.....	1916
Arizona.....	1916	New Zealand.....	1916
Arkansas.....	1916	North Carolina.....	1917
British Columbia.....	1916	North Dakota.....	1916
California.....	1916	Nova Scotia.....	1916
Colorado.....	1916	Ohio.....	1916
District of Columbia.....	1916	Oklahoma.....	1917
England.....	1916	Oregon.....	1916
Florida.....	1917	Pennsylvania.....	1916
Georgia.....	1916	Philippine Islands.....	1916-17
Idaho.....	1916	Prince Edward Isl'd.....	1916
Illinois.....	1916	Quebec	1917
Indiana	1917	Queensland.....	1916
Iowa.....	1916	Rhode Island.....	1916
Ireland.....	1916	Saskatchewan	1916
Kansas.....	1917	Scotland	1916
Kentucky	1916	South Australia.....	1916
Louisiana.....	1917	South Carolina.....	1916
Maine	1916	South Dakota.....	1916
Manitoba	1916	Tasmania	1917
Maryland	1916	Tennessee.....	1917
Michigan.....	1916	Texas.....	1916
Minnesota.....	1917	Utah	1917
Mississippi.....	1917	Vermont	1916
Missouri.....	1916	Virginia.....	1917
Montana.....	1916	Washington	1916
Nebraska	1916	Western Australia.....	1916
Nevada	1916	West Virginia.....	1916
New Brunswick.....	1916	Wisconsin.....	1916
New Hampshire.....	1916	Wyoming	1916
New Mexico.....	1916		

ALABAMA.

Ninety-sixth annual communication, opened at Montgomery December 6th, 1916. Walter Smith Grand Master.

The Grand Master was able to congratulate his brethren on the general prosperity of the craft throughout the jurisdiction. He said:

As to the condition of our beloved fraternity the various detailed reports that will be submitted to you for information or action will give you a better idea than my own brief resume, but I am glad to state that we are growing, and I think and know that such growth is in more ways than one. We are growing stronger numerically, and I believe the craft as a whole are growing every year in the knowledge of what true Masonry is, and are striving each year to live in closer accordance with the knowledge attained. As to the condition of our fraternity, our statistical reports will show this year that we have made fair progress, though our losses from non-payment of dues are extraordinarily heavy.

The Masonic home of Alabama is doing excellent work in caring for aged Masons and the widows and orphans of Masons; but it has not been properly supported: from year to year deficits have been accumulating. The Grand Master urgently recommended measures to extinguish all the deficit and to put the home on a proper financial basis, as well as to provide new buildings and equipment. He had issued an appeal to the lodges and to individual brethren to contribute; and there had been a gratifying response.

Communications had been received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon begging for a general conference of Grand Masters, and from the "International Bureau for Masonic Affairs" of Switzerland begging for money, both of which appear to have been laid on the table. Both are likely to remain there.

An amendment of the constitution to the following effect was adopted:

If the petitioner be physically defective by reason of deformity or being maimed, his eligibility shall be determined by the lodge to which he has applied, and if determined favorably to the petitioner he shall be eligible to

receive the degrees of Masonry when the action of the lodge has been approved by the Grand Master in writing.

The tendency of modern Masonic legislation is toward a liberal construction of the law as to physical requirements. The general demand is for such bodily endowment as will enable the candidate to comply literally and fully with all the conditions of the ceremonies. We cannot help thinking that the constitution of 1723, when dealing with this subject, has been generally misunderstood. That law declared that "no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's lord." The intent and meaning of this appears to be that no apprentice might be taken who suffered from any defect which would disqualify him to serve his employer. A trifling defect would not disqualify him for cutting stone or laying it in the wall, and a trifling defect ought not to disqualify a man for Masonry in the modern and Masonic sense of the word.

The Grand Lodge declined to recognize the Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, and to exchange representatives with the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Argentine Republic.

In the Foreign Correspondence department there is a new man with his finger on the key of the typewriter. He is W. Bro. Oliver Day Smith. He takes hold of the work like a veteran, and has evidently put much study and thought into his report. Dealing with the subject of perpetual jurisdiction Bro. Smith said:

It is nothing short of presumption for one Grand Lodge to assume that its prohibition is necessary to prevent another grand jurisdiction accepting unfit material. And certainly it can not be claimed that the candidate surrendered to the lodge which rejected him his right ever to be made a Mason by another lodge.

Lodges in Alabama 553; members 28,596, a gain for the year of 680.

Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa, Grand Master.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA.

Eleventh annual communication, held at Banff May 31st, 1916. S. Y. Taylor Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening Grand Lodge authorized sending to the King a message of loyalty and fealty and a pledge of service, emphasizing their willingness to make sacrifices for the cause in which the empire is engaged. This was cabled to his Majesty.

The superintendent of the Banff National Park invited all members of Grand Lodge to enjoy the freedom of the park during their stay, which invitation was suitably acknowledged and accepted by the Grand Master.

Bro. Taylor reported that he had constituted and consecrated four lodges, to which warrants had been granted at the preceding annual communication. He had also granted dispensations for the formation of three new lodges, while several lodges remained under dispensation.

He had been very active in visiting lodges throughout the jurisdiction; and, as Alberta is a land of magnificent distances, that was no light task. The following is a description of one of these visits:

On Saturday, July 31st, I visited Peace River Lodge, U.D., located at Peace River Crossing, which is situated at the junction of the Big Smokey and Peace Rivers, 75 miles beyond the end of steel, on the line of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B. C. Railroad. This lodge received its dispensation on the 15th day of May, 1915. In order to reach this most northerly lodge in our grand jurisdiction, I journeyed over 500 miles northward from the city of Calgary, of which about 300 miles were travelled by means of construction train, wagon and scow. Upon my arrival I was heartily welcomed by W. Bro. Munroe and the other officers and brethren of Peace River Lodge. I found the brethren very much interested in Masonry and enthusiastic in the work.

On his return he visited Wahpun Lodge, U.D., which is situated at Grouard, at the upper end of the Lesser Slave Lake.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Dr. George Macdonald, had been ordered overseas with his regiment, and the Grand Master had made arrangements for the continuance of his work. At the election Dr. Macdonald was re-elected Grand Secretary, and the temporary arrangement continued. Bro. Macdonald is a superior man, and it would be a pity to lose him.

The Grand Master was asked: "Has a subordinate lodge power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?" To which he replied, "No." He was right. No subordinate lodge has power to nullify the act of the Grand Lodge, nor even to delay its operation.

He had authorized the issuance of card certificates to Masons, members of overseas battalions, certifying to their standing as Masons and asking aid from foreign Masons in cases where aid is needed. These certificates are not to be used in the United Kingdom or in Canada, and are to be surrendered to the lodge secretaries as soon as possible after the declaration of peace.

There was a report on Foreign Correspondence, but it does not appear in the proceedings.

Lodges in Alberta 93, including six under dispensation; members 7,166, a gain for the year of 414.

E. T. Bishop, Edmonton, Grand Master.

George Macdonald, M.D., Calgary, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

Thirty-fourth annual communication, held at Tucson March 14th, 1916. George Alexander Bridge Grand Master.

The Grand Master was called upon to report the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters—Francis Asbury Shaw and Martin W. Kales. The latter died in California.

Because of storms and floods the communication of Grand Lodge was postponed from February till March.

Three lodges were constituted during the year.

A sum of \$911.85 was raised by voluntary subscription for the National War Relief Association, which is a remarkably good contribution from a jurisdiction having only twenty-four lodges and less than twenty-seven hundred Masons.

Recognition was accorded the Grand Lodges of the Philippine Islands and Queensland and an exchange of representatives authorized.

There is in the volume of proceedings no review of the doings of sister Grand Lodges.

Lodges in Arizona 24; members 2,668, a gain for the year of 103.

Frederick Wellington Perkins, Flagstaff, Grand Master.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Seventy-fifth annual communication, held at Little Rock November 21st, 1916. L. P. Kemper Grand Master.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master called attention to the death of M. W. Bro. Antonio Brooks Grace, who died on the 2nd of December, 1915. He was Grand Master in 1905.

A grant of \$300 had been made for the relief of brethren near Clarendon, who had suffered by floods.

Bro. Kemper strongly urged upon the various lodges in the jurisdiction the importance of having adequate fire insurance on their property.

He had constituted one lodge during the year, and issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges.

He was much pleased with results attained by the school of instruction for District Deputy Grand Masters. There was a continuous and gratifying attendance at all the sessions. which lasted through three days.

He had good words to say of the Masonic home at Bentonville, which, he thought, was "as good and as well furnished a home as any in the United States." There were 119 children in the home, and the cost of maintenance for the year was about \$21,500. It is proposed to establish a home for aged Masons and the wives and widows of Masons.

At the 1915 communication of Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration in a fitting manner of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of Grand Lodge; but when the members of the committee assembled they found that the seventy-fifth anniversary was already a part of ancient history. The 1916 meeting was the seventy-fifth communication of Grand Lodge; but, as for several years the communications had been held biennially, it was the seventy-eighth anniversary. A very pleasant commemoration meeting was held nevertheless.

The Grand Secretary reported that the year had been a prosperous one among the lodges. We regret to note that he considers one lodge entitled to praise because it initiated fifty-five candidates. There is reason to fear that all of the fifty-five did not voluntarily seek the privileges of Masonry. Some little sly missionary work in Masonry is inevitable; but it is not wise to appear to give it official approval.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted giving permission to lodges to accept candidates who, though not physically perfect, are able to comply with all the requirements of the ceremonies.

A decision of the Grand Master was approved to the effect that the report of a committee of investigation may, with the permission of the Worshipful Master, be withdrawn after it has been made, but before the ballot has been spread. We should think that to be bad Masonic law. When a report has been received by a lodge it becomes the property of the lodge, and can be withdrawn, if at all, only by consent of the lodge.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that, in addition to dues heretofore paid by subordinate lodges to Grand Lodge "there shall be levied and collected from each lodge the sum of two dollars for each initiation, two dollars for each passing, and four dollars for each raising."

It was resolved that the flag of the United States be displayed in Grand Lodge at each session, and that all subordinate lodges be directed to display the national flag at all meetings.

There was no general review of the proceedings of sister grand lodges, but the committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a brief report of some of the conditions affecting the craft in other parts of the world.

Lodges in Arkansas 365, including 6 under dispensation; members 21,436, an increase for the year of 670.

J. B. Reamey, Hot Springs, Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Forty-fifth annual communication held at Vancouver June 22nd, 1916. William C. Ditmars Grand Master.

Bro. Ditmars reported that the craft in general in his jurisdiction was in a very satisfactory condition. Many lodges felt the effects of the war through the absence at the front of their best and most active members. In many lodges honor rolls

had been prepared, upon which were inscribed the names of those who were serving their king and country. But a number had made the supreme sacrifice, and were "resting from their labors." Notwithstanding these discouragements, progress had been made, and the material accepted was excellent in quality.

Two Past Grand Masters had died during the year—M. W. Bro. R. B. McMicking, who was Grand Master in 1894; and M. W. Bro. William Dalby, who was Grand Master in 1896.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master is the following:

I would strongly recommend to this Grand Lodge that when, in the opinion of the committee, the District Deputy Grand Masters have faithfully and zealously carried out the details of the work of their office, especially where their district is a large one, and covering, as some of them do, a very large area of country, they be granted the rank of "Right Worshipful." In carrying out their duties some of these brethren are obliged to travel great distances and devote a great deal of time and energy to the work, and I feel that in thus honoring them it is but an evidence of our appreciation and of an honor well earned.

The recommendation was approved and adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Historian presented brief historical sketches of a number of lodges in the jurisdiction, which sketches are printed in the proceedings.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted to the effect that in future Grand Lodge hold its annual communications alternately at New Westminster, Victoria and Vancouver.

A resolution to reduce the per capita tax payable to Grand Lodge from one dollar to fifty cents was lost.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by V. W. Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith. In his introduction Bro. Smith says:

It is with a feeling of gratification that we read in different proceedings of the active part taken in the war by members of the craft in the British possessions, and it is

satisfactory to remember that the Masons of British Columbia have come forward so freely in defence of the empire on which the sun never sets, and to which we are proud to be citizens.

Bro. Smith is still unreconciled to the fact that, when a Master of a lodge in this jurisdiction declared a candidate rejected, though in fact he had been elected, the Grand Master commanded him to reverse his ruling. Bro. Smith says that the constitution of this jurisdiction declares that "The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible." Well, there was no further ballot. The events which Bro. Smith criticises were these: In a lodge in this jurisdiction a ballot was had for a candidate. The by-laws of the lodge provided that one black ball should not reject. One black ball was cast. The Master of the lodge declared the candidate rejected. Appeal was taken to the Grand Master. The Grand Master declared the ruling of the Master to be illegal, and commanded that he should declare the candidate elected. This was done. Except for the mistake of the Master of the lodge in declaring the candidate rejected when he was legally elected, everything was in accordance with the constitution of this jurisdiction.

Lodges in British Columbia 80, including three under dispensation; members 7,797, an increase of 100.

William Astley, Vancouver, Grand Master.

W. A. De Wolf-Smith, Box 910 New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Sixty-seventh annual communication, held at San Francisco October 10th, 1916. Albert G. Burnett, Grand Master.

The craft, said the Grand Master, had made substantial progress during the year. Its members numbered nearly 58,000, and he believed that they were growing in appreciation of the significance of

Masonry and in the practical exemplification of the tenets of the order.

He noted the loss by death of M. W. Bro. William Abraham Davies, who was Grand Master in 1867.

Bro. Burnett was seriously ill during a considerable part of the year, and this illness forbade him to visit to the extent he desired, but he personally inspected the work in nearly every part of the state.

In his address he strongly insisted upon the duty of Masons to live up to the spirit of their obligations in the ordinary affairs of life. He said:

What I wish to emphasize is that this is a personal consideration, and that not only is the institution collectively but each individual member is solemnly pledged to the advocacy and support of the moral sentiments taught in our ritual and to their persistent application to the daily and ordinary affairs growing out of our relations to our fellow men; and my earnest desire and prayer is that we may go away from this convocation better equipped and more thoroughly inspired for the great tasks that confront us.

He added:

The world is distracted by strife, contention, selfishness and brutality, a large part of the human race is waging a ruthless war of death and destruction, and some of us may be ready to conclude that fraternity has become a mere empty phrase and that love as a principle of conduct has lost its charm and power. Not so, my brethren, The principles we teach are the only influence that can save and redeem the world, and their beauty and potency will yet be acknowledged by all mankind. Out of this bitterness, hatred, devastation and death will come a realization of the futility of violence and war, and the glory of love and peace and fraternity will be revealed to mankind as never before in the history of the world.

And now it will be the duty of the California brethren to enlist and obtain peace by defeating those who made the war and sought to enslave free peoples.

In a California lodge a petition for membership from a profane was read by the Secretary, when a brother made objection, the Worshipful Master ruled that the petition could not be received, and

directed that the fee for initiation be returned to the petitioner. The procedure was reported to Grand Lodge, and the question asked, "When is the petition received? When placed in the hands of the secretary, or after being read in lodge?" The Judiciary Committee of Grand Lodge reported that "It cannot be held to have been received by a lodge until it has been read to the lodge at a stated meeting." We should say that it is not received by a lodge until it is accepted by resolution of the lodge or by the fiat of the Worshipful Master. The mere reading of a document by the secretary does not constitute official action by the lodge.

The Grand Orator "delighted the Grand Lodge with a most scholarly and entertaining oration," near the opening of which he said:

Ever before the eyes of the humblest Mason who wielded the trowel was the vision of Grand Master Solomon directing the construction of that great temple in whose building the founders of our institution worked for more than seven years under cloudless skies. The temple of Solomon has crumbled in the grasp of four thousand years; the fraternity which he aided to organize has ceased to be operative, and the implements of the craft have become symbols instead of tools.

Now, in the first place, there is no evidence whatever that King Solomon was a mason in any sense of the word. He caused the temple to be built, and employed masons as well as other artisans and laborers to build it. Of Freemasonry he knew just as much as Mumbo-Jumbo or the King of the Cannibal Islands. The temple legend in Masonry is as modern as you please, and is purely mythical. In the next place, the temple of Solomon was built probably about twenty-nine hundred years ago, and was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar nearly 600 years before Christ. Therefore it has not "crumbled in the grasp of four thousand years." Grand orators should not make assertions which every schoolboy knows to be incorrect.

A very pleasing incident was the presentation on behalf of M. W. Bro. Shryock, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of an oil painting of Past

Grand Master Charles Gilman, of Maryland, who was largely instrumental in forming the Grand Lodge of California in 1850. The portrait was received with gratitude, and order given that suitable acknowledgment be made.

M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart submitted his eighth annual report on Correspondence, which was, as always, good and comprehensive. Referring to a statement in this correspondence that California Masons pay much money for the relief of brethren from other jurisdictions, and get some of it back, Bro. Hart said: "California Masons realize how true this is, but endeavor to discharge their obligations as Masons, even if there is an entire absence of probability of financial reimbursement." Then so much the more are Masons of other jurisdictions recreant to their moral obligations if they fail to make restitution.

Lodges in California 377; members 57,856, a gain for the year of 2,515.

Francis V. Keesling, San Francisco, Grand Master.

John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Fifty-sixth annual communication, held at Denver September 19th, 1916. Robert M. Simons Grand Master.

Among the Worshipful Masters present was Bro. Chas. Withrow, ruling Master of Black Hawk Lodge. In 1866 Bro. Withrow was appointed Master of that lodge at its formation under dispensation, and represented it in Grand Lodge. Five years later he was elected Grand Master of Masons in the then territory of Colorado; and, last year, he was re-elected Worshipful Master of his lodge, and represented it at the session of the Grand Lodge now under review. That experience is probably unique in Masonry.

Speaking of the fraternal dead in the jurisdiction, the Grand Master said:

How easy it is to say kind and loving words of the dead, of whom when living we were—in a measure at least—forgetful. May our Father teach us to remember our friends while they are here, to sympathize with them in their sorrows and troubles, and to be charitable to one another; life is all too short to permit us to harbor selfish and bitter feelings; let us then strew flowers by the wayside as we journey along to brighten the path of others, and with kindly, helpful words endeavor to bring hope and cheer to those who are heavy laden. The world beyond will be brighter if we shall have the memory of having administered somewhat to our fellows here.

One lodge was consecrated and constituted during the year; and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

Of the condition of the craft throughout the state the Grand Master said:

The craft in Colorado is in good, healthy condition. Our lodges are active along all proper Masonic lines, they are blessed with a reasonable amount of prosperity and in most instances have increased in strength and influence.

The Grand Master was instructed to convene a special communication of Grand Lodge on the 24th of June, 1917, for the purpose of appropriately celebrating the bi-centenary of the birth of the Grand Lodge of England.

A resolution was passed recommending the Denver Relief Association to extend its activities for the purpose of securing work for unemployed Masons throughout the jurisdiction.

A beautiful Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Simons on retiring from the chair.

M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf presented his thirty-second report on Correspondence. It is complete and valuable, after the manner of Bro. Greenleaf.

Lodges in Colorado 141; members 18,175, an increase for the year of 753.

Guy V. Sternberg, Grand Junction, Grand Master.

Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A quarterly communication was held March 11th, 1916. William W. Jermane Grand Master. It resolved itself into a lodge of instruction, when the three degrees were exemplified for the benefit of the brethren, and especially for officers of lodges. The Grand Master referred to the large attendance as gratifying evidence of an increasing interest in the ritual and the work of Masonry in general.

The second quarterly communication was held May 10th, 1916, when the affairs of the Masonic home were discussed. The home is owned and governed by several bodies, Masonic and non-Masonic; and there was uncertainty as to control and responsibility. In the end the doubt was removed.

A revision of the burial service was submitted by a committee appointed for that purpose. The intent appears to be to so modify the ceremonial as to suit it to cases in which the remains of the departed brother have been cremated. The report was not wholly satisfactory, and was rejected.

The one hundred and sixth annual communication was held December 20th, 1916, the Grand Master presiding.

Speaking of the condition of the craft in his jurisdiction the Grand Master said: "It is gratifying to note that the peace with which we have been blessed has not been a peace of stagnation but of action—of progress. The work of the year in all the lodges has been characterized by a degree of enthusiasm and unselfish devotion to duty that has provoked wide comment, and the good effects of which have been seen and felt on every side."

He was called upon to lament the death of no less than four Past Grand Masters: (1) Jesse

Washington Lee, Grand Master in 1888, died April 24th; (2) James Anthony Sample, Grand Master in 1890, and for many years Grand Treasurer, died June 9th; (3) Francis Joseph Woodman, Grand Master 1907, died July 28th; and Joseph Sylvester McCoy, Grand Master 1880, died November, 1916.

The Grand Master strongly recommended the display of the flag of the United States in every lodge while at work. He pointed out that this was mandatory in many jurisdictions, and he added: "In the capital of the republic, it seems to me, there are peculiar reasons why the flag should be seen whenever a lodge is at work, and they are so obvious that I need not repeat them here."

In advocacy of closer co-operation between craft Masonry and the Scottish Rite Bro. Jermane said: "The two rites of Freemasonry on this continent, in my opinion, should be knit more closely together than has been the case hitherto. Working towards the same ends, they should, as far as possible, work as one organization, for, after all has been said and done, they have a common destiny." And there we are compelled to differ from Bro. Jermane in toto. Craft Masonry is sufficient unto itself. While it is able for the work it has assumed, all its strength is needed for the task. It should not form entangling alliances, and it should not change the plans of the fathers. We have yet to hear any general cry from Craft Masons that they are too few for the work they have undertaken or too weak for the burden they have to carry. Neither infirmity of purpose nor lack of strength has characterized their doings. The danger which confronts Masonry in the United States is the danger of mixing Masonry with other fraternities and so abandoning the original design.

The Masonic Employment Bureau had been in active operation about six months, and apparently was doing good work. The President reported that in three months a hundred and fifty-five applications had been received. It was decided to wait till the results of a full year's operations were known before taking further action.

An application for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Argentine was laid over for further information.

M. W. Bro. Baird, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his seventeenth report. Bro. Baird has always something to say, and always says it well. We cannot accept his suggestion that this correspondent should endeavour to determine what are or were the ancient landmarks of Masonry. That is work for a young and vigorous man.

Lodges in the District of Columbia 30; members 10,526, a gain for the year of 355.

James W. Witten, Washington, Grand Master.

Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

At a quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, held March 1st, 1916, the Duke of Connaught was re-elected Grand Master.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which was adopted, made a further declaration respecting brethren born in enemy countries. It said:

The resolution of June has had the effect of preserving the peace and harmony of the craft, by preventing the admission to our lodges during the continuance of the war of all Freemasons of enemy country birth; and not a single complaint of the violation or attempted violation of the rule thus laid down has been made to the board. In order to insure a continuance of the prohibition then enjoined until such time as Grand Lodge shall remove or modify it, after full notice given, the board proposes that there shall be inserted in the resolution a proviso which will keep it in force after the treaty of peace has been signed, until Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine. This will secure that it shall not automatically cease to act, and shall remain operative until Grand Lodge, after the war ends, has had notice of motion to remove or modify the restriction and opportunity to decide upon it.

When the Germans captured Antwerp about 1,500 British marines retired into Holland, and

were there interned. Many of them were Masons, and they were most kindly treated by the Holland brethren. They desired to form a lodge during their temporary detention; but were informed that they must apply to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands for the necessary authority to do so. The application was made, and the desire of the petitioners was granted. Brethren from all parts of Holland gathered to assist in the constitution of the new lodge, which was called Gastvrijheid, which means Hospitality.

At a quarterly communication held June 7th, 1916, a resolution of sorrow for the death of Lord Kitchener was adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master made the following announcement:

I am desired by the M. W. Grand Master to state that, having regard to the unprecedented character of the present war and the intense feelings it has aroused, which show no sign of abatement, the Grand Master has decided that, during its progress and until such time after the treaty of peace has been signed as in the future he may determine, there shall be no intercourse or exchange of representatives between the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Lodges in enemy countries, and that such Grand Lodges shall be omitted during that period from the list of bodies in the "Masonic Year Book" recognized as in association with this Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes was requested to prepare a scheme for the fitting celebration of the bi-centenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

There was further legislation growing out of the reconstruction of the Grand Lodge, but it is not of general interest.

At a quarterly communication held September 6th, 1916, the principal business discussed was the entertainment tax ordered by Government to be paid in cases where a lodge gives an entertainment for which a price of admission is charged over and above the charge for the banquet.

At the quarterly communication held on the 6th of December, 1916, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was on the throne. In the

course of his remarks he referred to Canada in a manner which must be gratifying, not only to Canadian Masons, but to all Canadians. He said:

I am certain you will be the first to recognize that Canada has nobly maintained her position as a loyal part of the Empire. She has of her own free will furnished some 350,000 fine men, who have come forward to fight the battle of the Empire. I feel, coming as I do from that great Dominion, that I could not, assembled as we are here this evening, fail to express what I am sure will meet with your warm response—our admiration for the way in which Canada has shown her loyalty and her desire to do her duty to her sovereign and to the empire. Brethren, during my sojourn on the other side of the Atlantic I have met with many fraternal greetings, not only in the Dominion of Canada, but also in all parts of the United States, and I would like you to know how highly the Grand Lodge of England stands in the eyes of all Canadian and United States Masons.

It was a source of regret that, while in Canada, he was unable to take any public part in Masonic functions. "You will understand," he said, "that in my official position as representative of the King, in a Dominion in which a very large proportion of his Majesty's subjects are Roman Catholics, it was impossible for me to exercise those privileges as I should have liked to have done."

Receipt of very large sums of money was acknowledged at each quarterly communication on account of various war funds. The money was received from every part of the empire. Among the recipients were the suffering Belgians, the British Red Cross Society, the National Relief Fund, the Freemasons' Hospital, and the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hospital. Among the receipts was a contribution of £15 from English brethren interned at Ruhleben. It may appear strange that, while food is being sent to those brethren from England, they are sending money to aid the Red Cross Society in England. The explanation is that, though they have money, they are forbidden to buy in Germany as much food as they need, but the Germans graciously permit their friends in England to supply it.

The Duke of Connaught was re-nominated for the position of Grand Master.

Sir Edward Letchworth, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The eighty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened at Jacksonville January 16th, 1917, by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. S. York. The Grand Master M. W. Bro. James E. Crane, wrote that matters over which he had no control made it impossible for him to attend the communication. His address was read by Past Grand Master E. E. Haskell.

The Grand Master reported that, with trifling exceptions, peace and harmony reigned throughout the jurisdiction, the lodges generally were prosperous and progressing, and no officer or distinguished past officer of Grand Lodge had been removed by death during the year.

Eight lodges had been constituted and consecrated during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of eight new lodges.

Among the dispensations granted was one to permit a lodge to hold such regular and called meetings as might be deemed necessary at a point three and a-half miles distant from its regular place of meeting.

Bro. Crane had ruled that a slight deformity did not bar a candidate from Masonry in Florida.

M. W. Bro. Charles A. Wilson, of Louisville, Kentucky, delivered an eloquent address in favor of the establishment in Florida of a home for aged and dependent Masons and the widows and orphans of Masons. Grand Lodge has in hand a fund of nearly \$40,000 for the purpose of establishing a home, and it has offers of free land on which to erect the buildings. In the course of his address Bro. Wilson said:

Who will take these little children of our deceased brother, children whom you so solemnly swore to aid and

protect? "Aye," says another brother, "let the lodge care for them." Sure, but suppose your lodge is small in members, as the majority are, consisting generally of men of limited means and large families. Where will that lodge acquire its funds to support widows and children of its deceased brethren?

That is a pure begging of the question. When the private lodge is unable to care for its poor the Grand Lodge steps in and supplements the grants. In this jurisdiction, last year more than \$36,000 was paid in benevolence by Grand Lodge to supplement the grants made by private lodges. It is pretty safe to say that three out of four of the recipients of that benevolence were women, the great majority of them widows. With the assistance thus received they were able to keep their homes and to bring up their children under their own care. Surely that is better than pauperizing them by sending them to a home. Surely it is better than to separate the mother from her children, as is done in many jurisdictions where homes are maintained? Further, by this method all the money paid out is utilized: none of it is sunk in home buildings and costs of management. Still further, the women so aided are generally able to do something toward their own support. We have no criticism for Grand Lodges which maintain homes; but it must not be supposed for a moment that where there are no homes the dependents of Masons are left to suffer.

The excellent report on Correspondence was again submitted by M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright, who, though apparently with some reluctance, abandoned his topical treatment of his subject and returned to the ordinary review by jurisdictions.

Lodges in Florida 243; members 13,364, a gain for the year of 640.

Apelles S. York, Live Oak, Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

One hundred and thirteenth annual communication, held at Macon October 31st, 1916. N. H. Ballard Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master first considered the condition and needs of the Masonic home. Additions and improvements were necessary if the home was to meet the expectations of the craft, and do the work which pressed upon it. In the end the sum of \$50,000 was withdrawn from the Temple Fund and given to the trustees of the home for the purpose of making permanent additions, and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions from the brethren to form an endowment fund, which, it was hoped, would amount to \$300,000.

To a question if a lodge might act as escort to a funeral conducted by Knights Templar the Grand Master answered, "Emphatically No."

He ruled that, while a lodge was at work, Past Masters of the same lodge could not meet in another room and confer a degree. "A lodge cannot meet in two places at the same time," he said.

He reported the death of R. W. Bro. William Alexander Wolihin, who had been Grand Secretary for twenty years, and who was a man of great influence and usefulness in Georgia Masonry.

Eight lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of five new lodges.

A study club had been established at Atlanta, and much interest had been taken in Masonic investigation in various parts of the jurisdiction.

In the early part of 1916 a part of the city of Augusta was destroyed by fire, and the sufferers were temporarily in need of assistance. The Grand Master at once forwarded \$400 from the funds of Grand Lodge, and issued an appeal for aid to all the lodges in the state. "The response," said the

Grand Master, "was quick and most liberal." All sufferers were relieved.

In two instances candidates were accepted and initiated in Georgia lodges, who had previously been rejected in Pennsylvania lodges. In each case the candidate had resided the necessary time within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he had applied. In response to an enquiry from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania the Grand Master of Georgia said that the Georgia lodges had violated no Masonic law of Georgia.

On report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized. A protest from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippines was not entertained.

At the request of the Grand Master R. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel took up the work of Foreign Correspondent, work which he has done with eminent ability. Bro. Daniel is not (as some of his fellow correspondents are) angry at Canadian Masons for being patriotic. Reviewing last year's proceedings of this jurisdiction he said: "Patriotism—the highest ideal of Masonic patriotism—thrills the reader in practically every page of the proceedings."

Lodges in Georgia 661; members 42,749, a gain for the year of 1,252.

Frank O. Miller, Fort Valley, Grand Master.

Frank A. Baker, Macon, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

Forty-ninth annual communication, held at Twin Falls September 12th, 1916. Francis Jenkins Grand Master.

Bro. Jenkins was delighted to be at Twin Falls, where more than one and a third millions of acres had been reclaimed and brought under cultivation; and he added:

In the centre of this land of great plenty, the land of milk and honey, is situated Twin Falls, the Queen City of the Snake River plains, where she nestles luxuriantly in her rich sylvan bower and her people are kind, hospitable, charitable and are as generous as is the abundant and bountiful yield of her fertile soil.

A member of a lodge in Idaho had been suspended for non-payment of dues, after which he was guilty of a serious offence; and the officers of the lodge asked the Grand Master if they could legally reinstate him without application from him for the purpose of trying him for the offence. The Grand Master replied:

"A brother suspended for any cause is barred from all the rights and privileges of Masonry until reinstated." This I interpret to mean that he is entirely without the pale of Masonry and that he has no claim or right, not even to the right of trial, until he is reinstated. It has been held, however: "That constituent lodges may remit the dues of their members suspended or otherwise." I am not advising against bringing this erring one to trial, but I do counsel the brethren of Wardner Lodge No. 34 to ponder well on the result of bringing one to the fold for no other purpose than to mete out punishment, and to weigh well the problem whether to reinstate him for the purpose of trial and expulsion would hold up Masonry to ridicule rather than redound to its credit.

Doubtless the Grand Master correctly stated the law as it stands in Idaho; but in most jurisdictions a member suspended for non-payment of dues is still subject to trial for later offences. And such should be the case. It would be unfair to Masonry to permit a man guilty of a serious offence to escape Masonic punishment simply because he had not paid his dues.

Bro. Jenkins was also asked concerning the reliability of a certain so-called Masonic protective association or insurance society, to which he replied:

About twenty years ago some sort of an insurance company took to itself a name which, by inference, led many Masons to believe it to be endorsed by the Masonic fraternity. But the company failed and thousands of Masons suffered a loss by this failure. The very name is usually adopted for nothing else than to delude unwary Masons. No grand jurisdiction to my knowledge has ever given its official sanction to any insurance concern. On the contrary Grand Masters have repeatedly sounded warnings. My

advice to members of the craft in Idaho is for each one to carefully investigate the merit and standing of any insurance company bearing the name "Masonic" before investing their money in such concerns.

He had sent an official circular to all lodges in the state warning the brethren against chain-letter swindles.

In deciding against the regularity of the Gran Logia, de Philipinas the Grand Master said:

Prince Edwin, while officiating as Grand Master of Masons in all England, called the craft together at York in the year 926 and revived, then revised, afterwards received the old constitutions, landmarks and the general regulations of Freemasonry. Therefore, the regularity of any lodge, constituent or Grand, is wholly dependent upon its ability to trace its lineage to that lodge presided over by Prince Edwin at York in 926. Some Masonic charters were issued to Masons in Spain, but through the severe and rigid inquisition carried on in Spain all the Masons that did not escape were put to death and their charters incinerated with them.

One is sorry to see the venerable Prince Edwin fable cropping up in serious Masonic literature. It has as much foundation in fact as the story of Jack the Giant Killer. If no lodge is legitimate but those which can trace their lineage to the lodge presided over by Prince Edwin, then there is not a legitimate Masonic lodge in existence. The story as told by Anderson, and in some of the old charges is that Prince Edwin, the youngest son of King Athelstan, presided over that wonderful lodge or "congregation" at York. Now, in the first place, King Athelstan had no son. In the next place, in 926 Guthric, son of Sihtric, the Dane, was King of Northumbria, which included York, though Athelstan was making war upon him, and soon drove him out. Athelstan was engaged in war during nearly the whole of his reign, and had no time for Masonry. He fought the great battle of Brunanburh in 937, and died in 940 or 941. The proper place for the Prince Edwin story is the book of Esop's fables.

A report was adopted recommending a proper celebration of the bi-centenary of Masonry in 1917. Also a report recommending that the flag of the

United States be displayed in all lodges in the jurisdiction.

The very readable report on Foreign Correspondence was by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George E. Knepper. Owing to the fact that Bro. Knepper was constrained to close his report earlier than usual, it was not complete and Canada was omitted.

Lodges in Idaho 63; members 4,811, a gain of 111.

John D. Bloomfield, Nampa, Grand Master.

George E. Knepper, Boise, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Seventy-seventh annual communication, held at Chicago October 10th, 1916. The communication "was opened in ample form" by the Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Austin H. Scrogin.

After a musical entertainment the Grand Master read his address. He noted the death of M. W. Bro. William Hayes Scott, who was Grand Master in 1880 and 1881, and who died in California.

Twelve lodges to which charters had been granted were constituted during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the institution of eleven new lodges.

The Grand Master thinks that the symbolical teachings of Masonry ought to be shown to candidates, as well as the dramatic representations of the degrees, and that this teaching should be begun at state schools of instruction. He said:

The exemplification of the several degrees in Masonry, to a candidate, is of no value whatever unless it conveys to his mind a lesson, and surely this lesson will not be clear to him unless he devotes some study to it. Lodges cannot be expected to devote much time to the development of the intellectual side of Masonry without the Grand Lodge encourages them in so doing by setting an example. With this thought in mind I set aside the evening of the second day of each of the state schools of instruction for the

reception of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and for the purpose of having a lecture on Masonry.

Therefore he secured able lecturers from various jurisdictions, and he was persuaded that much good was accomplished.

A communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Cuba soliciting co-operation of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in calling a Masonic convention for the purpose of promoting universal peace among the nations. The Committee on Correspondence, to which the communication was referred, reported that, while the Grand Lodge of Illinois would at all times be ready to consider any suggestion from the Grand Lodge of Cuba, or any other Grand Lodge, relating to the affairs of Masonry, it "respectfully and fraternally declines to join in, or to be in any manner responsible for, a call for a Masonic convention of the nature suggested."

When the Masonic orphans' home was moved from Chicago to LaGrange the children of the home were sent to the public school of the latter place. At first their tuition was free, but in a short time the trustees of the school district took ground that these children were merely temporary residents of the district, that their legal homes were at the places where their parents resided, and demand was made that the managers of the home pay \$35.08 per annum for each child, less a proportionate share of the school tax paid by the home. Suit was brought before the Circuit court of Cook County to restrain the school trustees from excluding the children from the public school, and the court decided in favor of the trustees. The case was then taken to the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois; which pointed out that the law of the state required school trustees in each district to maintain a sufficient number of free schools for the accommodation of "all persons in the district over the age of six and under twenty-one years, and to secure for all such persons the right and opportunity to an equal education in such schools." It also decided that the children of the home were actual residents of the district in the ordinary and

popular meaning of the term. Therefore the decision of the lower court was reversed, and the children of the home will now be permitted to attend the public school on equal terms with other children.

Many lodges issue what are known as lodge bulletins or lodge notes, and in a few cases the notes are not such as ought to be seen by the public. No doubt they are printed for the purpose of increasing interest in the proceedings of the lodges, and in most cases they are both proper and valuable. But sometimes the reverse is the case. "One of these publications," said the Grand Master, containing some disgusting caricatures, reached the editor of a Masonic journal in another jurisdiction, and was subjected to a just and very severe criticism." He suggested that lodge publications should contain nothing not in keeping with the spirit of Masonry, and that Masters of lodges should be held responsible for all lodge notices.

From the Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippine Islands a protest had been received protesting against recognition of the regular Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. The Committee on Correspondence reported that the protest presented no matter of fact or of Masonic law or usage which should disturb the existing fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the regular Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Bro. Charles H. Martin presented the report on Masonic Correspondence, taking the chair vacated by M. W. Bro. Owen Scott. Bro. Martin's foreword is marked by modesty and his report by excellence. His Masonic rank is not stated, but he will probably take his place in the front rank of Masonic writers. His report is long, and all of it is good.

Illinois stands second in numbers among the Grand Lodges of the United States. It has 847 lodges working under charter, and 11 under dispensation, with 148,055 Master Masons. The net increase for the Masonic year was 8,784.

Ralph H. Wheeler, Chicago, Grand Master.

Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The ninety-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was held at Indianapolis May 22nd, 1917, and was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harry B. Tuthill, marked the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Before the formal opening of Grand Lodge there was an informal gathering of brethren at the Masonic temple, at which there were music and speeches. The orator of the occasion was Bro. the Rev. Frank L. Loveland, D.D., who, in the course of his remarks said:

I believe that we shall be untrue to the high and noble mission of Masonry if we refuse to exhibit our worthy and world-needed principles outside the sacred precincts of the lodge room. The red heart of Masonry is, and must be, the pulsing life of a decent and orderly civilization. It is the intangible, immaterial and indefinable something that gives beauty to a rose, inspiration to a song, grandeur to a temple, glory to character, and enduring nobility to a nation's life.

Immediately after the opening a deputation made an alarm at the door, and, being admitted, carried the flag of the United States to the platform, where it was received with great enthusiasm, the brethren rising and singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Grand Master congratulated his brethren on the fact that there had been peace throughout the jurisdiction, harmony with all other Grand Lodges, and a satisfactory increase in the membership.

His address throughout was marked by patriotic fervor.

His visits throughout the state had been many, and he was highly gratified by that which he saw.

He had ruled that a candidate under twenty-one years of age may sign a petition, and that he may be balloted for, provided he is of the full age of twenty-one years at the time of his initiation.

Four lodges had been constituted during the year and dispensations granted for the formation of four new lodges.

An important event of the year was the dedication of the Masonic home at Franklin. All the official members of Grand Lodge were present.

Two Past Grand Masters were lost during the year: M. W. Bro. George E. Grimes, who died on the 30th of January, 1917, and M. W. Bro. Alfred W. Emery, who died on the 12th of April, 1917.

The Grand Lodge unanimously authorized the Grand Master to forward a message to the President of the United States, pledging the faith, loyalty and devotion of the 78,000 Masons of Indiana to him and all constituted authorities of the United States of America. To this President Wilson replied:

I thank you very warmly for your generous telegram of May 23rd. I shall appreciate it if you will assure the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana that I am very much gratified by this assurance of support. Such messages as yours greatly hearten me.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed that nearly \$3,000 had been contributed by lodges and brethren throughout the jurisdiction for the relief of sufferers by a tornado which had devastated a considerable part of the state.

While Grand Lodge was in session, the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Calvin W. Prather, was quietly celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation by attending to his duties. He was found in his corner, hailed to the dais, and saluted with grand honours, amid the plaudits of the brethren. And he deserved it all.

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay submitted his fourth annual review of the proceedings of sister

grand jurisdictions. He said what he ought to have said, and he said it well.

Lodges in Indiana 564; members 77,847, a gain for the year of 4,127.

Elba L. Branigin, Franklin, Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Seventy-third annual communication, held at Davenport June 13th, 1916. Frank Seward Moses Grand Master.

It is interesting to learn from the address of the Grand Master that Masonry in Iowa is only three years older than the Grand Lodge of Iowa. That address tells us that:

November 30, 1840, eleven dauntless and faithful brethren received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri to form a lodge of Masons at Burlington, then the capital of the whole territory now forming several states, but merely an outpost of civilization within touch of recently hostile and savage Indians. From that first gathering around the altar of Masonry on the frontier of the great Northwest to this splendid concourse of the representatives of 55,000 Masons now resident in a portion of the territory then named, meeting here amidst these evidences of civilization, peace and culture, is a wonderful contrast.

Three times during the year the Iowa brethren have been called on to mourn the death of a Past Grand Master. George Washington Ball, who was Grand Master from 1895 to 1897, died July 18th, 1915; Charles Trumbull Granger, who was Grand Master from 1884 to 1886, died October 26th, 1915; and William Fiske Cleveland, who was Grand Master from 1906 to 1907, died February 19th, 1916.

Two lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of six new lodges.

By the will of a brother now deceased—Max Petersen—the Grand Charity Fund of Grand Lodge became entitled to a fifth interest in a sum of two

hundred thousand dollars prudently invested; and the Grand Master thought this might be counted on to yield two thousand dollars annually. An attempt had been made by the state authorities to tax this bequest; but, appeal being taken to the courts, the bequest was declared to be exempt from tax.

Liberal contributions to the European War Relief Fund had been made; but the money collected latterly was sent direct to those needing it.

Iowa is active in the study of Masonry, and particularly in investigating Masonic history. The Grand Master very properly takes pride in that, and counsels his brethren to continue in it. May we point out that the very first essential in Masonic study is accuracy? We are not reflecting now on Iowa, whose members have been careful to get at the authority for their statements; but it will be agreed that there has been so much of loose assertion by Masonic writers that students regard with doubt every statement made until they have authentic evidence put before them. Bro. Moses is quite correct in saying that Bro. Joseph Fort Newton "is conceded to be one of the most prominent characters of the English-speaking world, renowned alike as author, editor and orator."

The Grand Master holds that no physical defect should disqualify a man unless it renders him incapable of conforming to the requirements of our ceremonies.

He had ruled that a candidate must be of the full age of twenty-one years when he signs the petition.

He suggested that every lodge should fix its annual dues at a sum that will meet its fixed charges. He added: "Whenever a lodge needs petitions for the degrees to refill its treasury or meet its expenses the door is open for the reception of unfit material and the subsequent trouble that inevitably follows."

We cannot overestimate the work that Iowa is doing not only in establishing a Masonic library,

but in forming and maintaining "travelling libraries," by which brethren throughout the state are able to get good Masonic literature.

The very full and able report on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Louis Block.

Lodges in Iowa 532; members 53,969, an increase for the year of 2,184.

Thomas Arthur, Logan, Grand Master.

Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held at Dublin December 27th, 1916. Owing to the absence of the Grand Master in France, the communication was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Charles Cameron.

There had been some correspondence and much discussion over the decision of the Imperial Government that Masons were not to be appointed to the Irish Constabulary, because, it was said, Masonry was a political secret society. Lord Donoughmore strongly resented the charge that Masonry was a political body; but that was all he could do. He wrote to the Grand Secretary:

The decision is unsatisfactory, but what can one do in war time? I feel very strongly that a very wrong attitude was taken by the Chief Secretary from the beginning of this matter.

Sir Charles Cameron said that, notwithstanding the fact that large numbers of Masons had enlisted for the defence of the empire (sixty-two members of his own lodge had enlisted) the membership was growing, and the contributions to the various Masonic funds showed a substantial increase.

An interesting incident of the war was reported by the Assistant Grand Secretary:

An officer of the 16th R.I.R., writing to a Lurgan friend, says: The regimental Masonic lodge of the Pioneers

held two successful meetings in a large two-storied farmhouse within their billeting area, and only a couple of miles from the German front line. The building had been shelled a short time previously, and not a whole pane of glass remained in the house. This, however, was soon remedied, and did not interfere with the business of the meeting. Business was transacted to the music of the big gun fire, the hum of aeroplanes, and bursting of Hun shells. It is perhaps the first time that Masonic brethren had to meet in lodge fully armed and equipped with the gas helmets, as some of the members on this occasion had to do. A good many visiting brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting under so unique circumstances, some coming long distances to do so.

The annual subscriptions to the three Masonic charities averaged about \$10,000 or \$30,000 in all. While receipts on account of the girls' school showed a slight falling off, those for the boys' school and for the Victoria fund showed increases.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Research, held at Dublin April 15th, 1915, an eloquent address in memory of the late V. W. Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley was delivered by Bro. Henry F. Berry.

Nearly all of the Provincial Deputy Grand Masters had war tales to tell. V. W. Bro. Philip Snell, of North Munster, wrote that "over one-third of the members of the province have joined the colors."

Statistics of the order in Ireland are entirely wanting. The Earl of Donoughmore was re-elected Grand Master, and Lord Plunkett Grand Secretary: but communications should be addressed to H. E. Flavelle, Deputy Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

KANSAS.

Sixty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held at Wichita February 21st, 1917. Giles H. Lamb, Grand Master.

During the year, the Grand Master said, the craft in Kansas had kept pace with the other institutions in the state which stand for the uplift and betterment of mankind. The membership had increased by 1,622, notwithstanding 646 losses by death.

He announced the loss by death of M. W. Bro. William Mitchell Shaver, who was Grand Master in 1897.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of five new lodges.

District meetings or schools of instruction had been held in nearly all the districts in the state, and the Grand Master was profuse in praise of their efficiency and usefulness. He said:

These meetings form the very groundwork of Masonic efficiency. Here the Masons gather from the surrounding lodges and see the degree work done under the eye of a competent teacher. These lessons are carried back to the home lodge, and an impetus and desire for correct work is started. Much of the worth and benefit of these meetings depends upon the teacher. In Grand Lodge we call him a lecturer.

The Grand Master had attended about thirty of these district meetings, and thus had been in close touch with about a hundred and fifty lodges.

He had refused to grant a dispensation to reduce the time for taking the degrees so as to hasten the time when a candidate could join some other Masonic body. He was right. It is a reflection upon the dignity and excellence of craft Masonry to appear to acknowledge that it is to be considered merely as a stepping stone to what are called the concordant orders, and the candidate who so regards it had better be left among the profane.

The Kansas brethren had the misfortune, in December, 1916, to lose their Masonic home by fire. The building and its contents were entirely destroyed. The people of Wichita, including the authorities of the Roman Catholic hospital, were most kind in giving temporary shelter to the old and infirm people who were rendered homeless by this calamity. Energetic measures were at once taken to rebuild the home, and there is no doubt that a new home will be raised. The Grand Master issued an appeal to the brethren for aid, and contributions began almost at once to reach the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Lamb had felt it his duty, while holding the office of Grand Master, to decline nomination for a political position. He said:

My first act after my election to this great office was to decline to be a candidate for political preferment to an office I had long cherished an ambition to hold. I have little respect for the man who would attempt to coin the influence of a great office like that of Grand Master of Masons into political gain, and I had rather be Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, honored, trusted and loved by this great brotherhood, than to hold the office of congressman, senator or governor for the same length of time.

The committee on the Masonic home estimated that there was on hand from insurance and other sources about \$108,000, and that the new building would cost about \$260,000. There is no doubt that the Kansas brethren will face the task of reconstruction with energy, and that the new home will speedily be a reality.

Lodges in Kansas 416; members 45,684, a gain for the year of 1,622.

Charles E. Lobdell, Great Bend, Grand Master.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

One hundred and seventeenth annual communication, held at Louisville October 17th, 1916. T. J. Adams Grand Master.

In opening his address Bro. Adams made an eloquent plea "For Universal Peace." He said:

May I not say that a meeting of Grand Masters of our own land, and of the world if possible, might become a mighty influence in the direction of universal peace? No thought or endeavor could be more appropriate for such an assembly. Our organization is itself a plea for peace and an argument for peace. Freemasonry makes for the dissemination of the spirit of brotherhood throughout the world and teaches us that peace and harmony are the strength and beauty of all institutions. Freemasons need not dwell on the fact that seven-tenths of the income of our nation is expended for war and its equipment, and that in other lands the tax is even greater. As Freemasons we cannot fail to deplore the barbarity of war, the awful sacrifice of human life and human hope, not merely on the field of carnage or in the hospitals of the world filled with

groaning victims, but in the widows and orphans left helpless, starving, dying, because their protectors are taken away. Surely it were well for us to consider this, and to support every thought and movement calculated to secure the peace of the world.

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of three new lodges.

Dispensations were refused: to allow a brother to solicit aid from the craft for his personal benefit; to allow a lodge to hold a funeral ceremony over the grave of a brother who had been buried for several weeks; and to solicit aid for the widow of a deceased brother for the purpose of paying for a farm.

The Grand Master ruled that one under twenty-one years of age might petition for membership "provided he becomes of age before the ballot is due."

In 1914 there was a debt of \$60,000 on the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. The greater part of that had been paid off by subscriptions from brethren throughout the state; but more than \$10,000 remained, and the Grand Master made an urgent appeal for the funds to remove the whole encumbrance.

In the closing portion of his address Bro. Adams said:

Now in conclusion, let me exhort you to be faithful to the vows taken. Let him who would be great be servant of all. True greatness lies in being true, kind and gentle to your fellow man. He mounts well who ascends on deeds of love. Not only they whom he has aided shall call him blessed, but from the Grand Master of us all shall he hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." May each of us so live that when the evening shades shall have drawn nigh and life's race is well run, there may be no regrets, but from out of the darkness of the mysterious future may there come a mantle wrought of loving deeds, which you may fold about you and lie down to pleasant dreams, to await the call of the Ruler of us all.

A resolution was adopted making it obligatory upon subordinate lodges to use receipt cards prepared and furnished by Grand Lodge, which cards

will serve as documentary evidence to brethren visiting lodges in other jurisdictions.

A proposal was submitted to form a "central body for the trial of charges of Masonic offences." Undoubtedly there are many failures to deal efficiently with Masonic offences because of want of knowledge of the law. But we doubt the wisdom of establishing a central court to which all trials except for non-payment of dues must be carried. The expense of the proposed plan would be great, and some lodges might decline to press charges because of that expense. The proposal was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which will report on it at the next annual communication.

A resolution was adopted congratulating Past Grand Master Fisk and Mrs. Fisk on having reached the fiftieth anniversary of their happy married life.

M. W. Bro. William W. Clarke submitted the report on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, which, as always, was a good one.

Bro. Clarke was quite correct in thinking that a profane desirous of initiation in a lodge in this jurisdiction, who had but recently come to Ontario, would be required to wait until he had resided here a year before his petition could be accepted; but if the lodge within whose jurisdiction he had formerly resided should give him a certificate of character the Grand Master would have authority to grant a dispensation to the local lodge to receive his petition.

In his closing remarks Bro. Clarke said:

On the whole, the great order of Freemasonry is right well performing its allotted mission. It is helping where help is needed, and comforting where it finds suffering. It is bringing men into closer, fraternal, sympathetic union. It is educating man toward higher, truer, holier ideals. *Esto perpetua.*

Lodges in Kentucky 593; members 44,437, a gain for the year of 1,050.

James N. Saunders, Stanford, Grand Master.

Dave Jackson, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

One hundred and sixth annual communication, held at New Orleans February 5th, 1917. B. B. Purser Grand Master.

Immediately after the opening the Grand Master read his address. The rapid growth of the order in Louisiana had continued throughout the year. In fact he seemed to fear that a desire for numbers had made some lodges less careful than they should be in the selection of material.

On the subject of electioneering he said:

One of the safest methods of avoiding electioneering is to make an extremely careful selection of those who fill the offices of least importance. Examine their record in such offices with closest scrutiny, and see that only those advance who have served faithfully and regularly. If it be true that the Worshipful Master of a lodge should serve it with the regularity of the heavenly bodies, so should the officer of lightest burden travel with the greatest, with unchanging fidelity and unfailing regularity. And especially, in the Grand Lodge, the mad rush for offices and the desire to sit in and pass the chairs, should be unmistakably frowned upon.

Speaking of District Deputy Grand Masters he said:

I have several excellent District Deputies. The majority, however, have not even so much as sent in the formal printed reports. It seems necessary to have them, but the work would be done just as well by making individual selections when occasion demanded. However, as the appointment carries some honor and gives some pleasure to the recipient, and costs practically nothing, the system might as well be continued.

We are unable to view the subject in that light-hearted way. It is quite true that, in jurisdictions where Grand Lecturers act as supervisors of the work and instructors of lodge officers, the District Deputies are not so important as they are in this jurisdiction, where they are exactly what their title implies. Here they have been called (and rightly so) "the eyes of the Grand Master." They visit all the lodges, superintend and criticise the work at lodges of instruction, and have large powers as lieutenants of the Grand Master.

Referring to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico the Grand Master said:

The Grand Master has had some correspondence with one of the brethren of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and asked for the record of the proceedings by which this body claims Masonic jurisdiction over any or all of the sister republic. No such papers have been furnished. On the contrary, the officer to whom I wrote arraigned the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in a severe manner and made an extremely unfriendly criticism of the action of one of my predecessors in declining to recognize the York Grand Lodge without a view of proper credentials. The York Grand Lodge of Mexico may be a legitimate body, but until it sees fit, in answer to courteous requests, to furnish the record of its organization, that we may decide upon its legitimacy, its members should not be permitted fraternal intercourse with the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

And now, perhaps, somebody will rise to tell us if legitimate craft Masonry ever existed in Mexico at all.

Bro. Purser recommended to Grand Lodge that when a rejected candidate removes to another grand jurisdiction the lodge rejecting him shall have jurisdiction until he shall acquire a Masonic residence in the state to which he removes; that the minimum dues in lodges throughout the state shall be six dollars; that Grand Masters be instructed not to grant dispensations to lodges to install officers in public or for joint installations with non-Masonic bodies; and that a period of sixty days elapse between initiation and passing and between passing and raising. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, reported against the proposed changes, and Grand Lodge accepted the report of the committee.

The Grand Master's rulings numbered ninety-three, and his report of them fills thirty-two pages of the official proceedings. None of the points raised are of interest outside of Louisiana.

Lodges in Louisiana 232; members 18,320, a gain for the year of 552.

John W. Armstrong, Welsh, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Ninety-seventh annual communication, held at Portland May 2nd, 1916. Thomas H. Bodge Grand Master.

The Grand Master was happy in being able to congratulate the brethren on the prosperous condition of the craft. He said:

Masonry in Maine is certainly advancing in the broad noble sense of becoming more and more a part of the life of the members. There has been a gain in numbers, our Grand Secretary will tell you it is 444, and there are now 31,328 affiliated members of our lodges. In this we are to be congratulated. Let us, however, not forget mere numbers is not the mark at which we aim. Initiation is only a small part of the work we should have in hand when we "make a man a Mason."

He deplored the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters—(1) Fessenden Irving Day, who was Grand Master in 1885 and died October 6th, 1915; and (2) Roscoe Green Estes, who was Grand Master in 1883 and died February 20th, 1916. Bro. Estes was proud of the fact that he had missed but one communication of Grand Lodge in more than fifty years.

Among the dispensations granted was one of an unusual character, and it may be as well to let M. W. Bro. Bodge himself give his reasons for granting it:

Bethel Lodge No. 97, to confer a degree upon its own candidates in a hall not its own at Wilson's Mills within its own jurisdiction. I think it is not usually advisable to grant such permission, but learned from an extended correspondence and inquiries that there are a considerable number of Masons living at Wilson's Mills about fifty miles from the lodge room, and the officers and members could easily and would gladly go by automobiles, while the members located at that village would be obliged to go by team to the lodge.

The Grand Master had received a considerable number of enquiries regarding the possibility of receiving petitions for initiation from men who are travelling from place to place and have no fixed abode. He said: "There is a prevailing impression that every person has a right to apply for the degrees of Masonry somewhere, and if he has no

place he calls home he may apply anywhere." In the end he came to the conclusion that "residence is established by intention, coupled by presence, modified by circumstances." Sonorous, but slightly indeterminate.

He paid the following deserved compliment to M. W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence:

During the past two years I have received the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Lodges and am proud of the fact we have one of the best and most careful reviewers and pleased to observe he is so recognized by the rest of the guild.

The Worshipful Master of Atlantic Lodge, Portland, and his officers exemplified the third degree, and were warmly praised for the correctness and excellence of their work.

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity reported, among other things, that some lodges had established the practice of a Past Masters' night, which the committee thought to be "very beneficial to the lodges." It is a very old and general practice in this jurisdiction.

Lodges in Maine 205; members 31,328, a gain for the year of 329.

Waldo Pettengill, Rumford, Grand Master.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1917 (the proceedings of which have not yet reached us) Bro. Stephen Berry was, in recognition and appreciation of his sixty-eon years of faithful service for the Grand Lodge, made Grand Secretary emeritus ad vitam, with a continuation of his salary, and Bro. Charles B. Davis was elected Grand Secretary. In honoring so faithful and valuable a member as Bro. Berry, the Grand Lodge has done the right thing at the right time.

MANITOBA.

Forty-first annual communication, held at Winnipeg June 14th, 1916. William Fenwick Grand Master.

After welcoming the brethren to Grand Lodge, and paying fitting tribute to those who had died, the Grand Master referred to the war as that which was uppermost in men's minds. Those who assumed that the empire was decadent, that there was dissension among the British people, or that the dominions and dependencies would shirk their duty in the hour of trial had been greatly mistaken. "Little did they dream," he said, "that their war-torch would reveal the British empire resplendent in its loyalty and devotion to the noblest ideals and traditions of the Anglo-Saxon, and standing in peerless solidarity to defend a priceless birthright, the democratic principles or bulwarks of the British body politic, to attain which our forefathers fought and bled." The Dominion had done nobly in response to the call for men; but money was needed for dependents of those who had gone to the front and for those who had returned wounded. And he had issued a circular calling for contributions to the war funds. The response was gratifying, for a sum of \$4,000 had been collected.

The Grand Master had been disappointed with the results of district meetings. He said:

A long association with Freemasonry in Manitoba constrains me to believe that the usefulness of district meetings has been minimized owing to lack of preparation and direction—a system that has permitted desultory and betimes profitless discussions on relatively unimportant topics. I am strongly of opinion that better results would ensue if conveners of such meetings present carefully prepared lists of topics, on which they and others had informed themselves, give expression to their opinions, and then invite interrogation.

He recommended the extension of circulating libraries, already established, so that each district might have a number of well-chosen books.

The craft at home had been at peace, and relations with all other jurisdictions had been harmonious.

A warrant was granted to one lodge under dispensation.

R. W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, presented a brief but very good report. He did not review the proceedings of Masonic Grand Lodges in the customary manner, nor did he present a topical digest of the doings and sayings of Masons throughout the world; but dealt merely with those subjects of Masonic interest and discussion which appeared to him to be uppermost in Masonic thought. Dealing with Masonic study and research, he said:

Your committee would respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge that steps be taken to form a research committee of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and to give them a small appropriation to spend in disseminating among our lodges information about current articles in Masonic periodicals and in sending copies of suitable educational articles to be read in our lodges. Give to them also the duty of arranging a course of Masonic study in the lodges, the forming of study clubs and any other activity that would tend to the further enlightenment of our brethren.

Lodges in Manitoba 86; members 7,241, a loss of one for the year.

Henry E. Bletcher, Winnipeg, Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore May 9th, 1916. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

Before the entrance of the Grand Master a resolution of condolence and sympathy with him on the recent loss of his wife was unanimously passed.

The Board of Relief reported that there had been an unusual number of sojourners at the hospitals during the preceding winter; that the Maryland brethren responded promptly when called on to visit the sick; and that they loved this branch of their Masonic duty.

A change was made in the constitution reducing the annual dues payable to Grand Lodge by city lodges from \$2.20 per member to \$1.80 per member; and by county lodges from \$1.50 to \$1.20. The reduction was made possible by the fact that the expenses of the Board of Relief are now paid by the Grand Lodge.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication was held at Baltimore November 21st, 1916. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master.

A letter was read acknowledging in fitting terms receipt by the Grand Lodge of California of a portrait of M. W. Bro. Charles Gilman, presented by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Bro. Gilman was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and he presided over the convention which formed the Grand Lodge of California.

An appeal from a trial in a Maryland lodge was in itself of little interest outside of that jurisdiction; but some of the remarks of the committee which investigated the case are so good in themselves, and so well put, that they are here copied:

The subordinate lodges should realize the importance and gravity of a Masonic trial and of the issues involved, and should carefully study the law governing the same. Masonry is not to be lightly conferred nor is anyone to be admitted as a matter of right. The Grand Master has frequently and forcefully called the attention of the fraternity to the great care and caution which should be used in admitting a candidate. Better to err in exclusion than in inclusion. Better to give the doubt (if any doubt there be) to the high standard of the craft than to a "profane" who desires admittance. Better to take the utmost labor to investigate an applicant than to take up later the labor and shame of a Masonic trial. But once a Mason, Masonry becomes a vested right not to be lightly regarded nor taken away without a strict compliance with the Masonic law and usage governing.

A special committee, appointed for the purpose of reporting on the wisdom of establishing and conducting an employment bureau, reported in favor of further enquiry, and practically demonstrating whether there is need for such a bureau in the fraternity.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock was re-elected Grand Master for the thirty-second time.

The always excellent report on Correspondence was again submitted by R. W. Bro. the Rev. Henry Branch.

In reviewing the proceedings in this jurisdiction for 1915, Bro. Branch notes that M. W. Bro. McPherson declined to ask a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction to initiate a candidate who had been accepted in a Canadian lodge and, before initiation, had removed to the foreign jurisdiction. And he asks "Why?" The chief difficulty, we fancy, would be the difficulty of being quite sure that the candidate who presented himself to the foreign lodge would be the candidate accepted in the Canadian lodge. If he intends to remain permanently in his new home, it is better that he should wait the necessary time and seek membership there; if he intends to return to Canada it is better that he should wait and receive the degrees in the lodge which accepted him.

Lodges in Maryland 116; members 17,880, a gain for the year of 665.

Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, Grand Master.

George Cook, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Seventy-second annual communication, held at Battle Creek May 23rd, 1916. George L. Lusk Grand Master.

There were addresses of welcome from the Masons of Battle Creek and from the Mayor of the city, which were suitably responded to by the Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Bro. Nat M. Washer, Past Grand Master of Texas.

In opening his address the Grand Master noted the death of M. W. Bro. William Thomas Mitchell,

who was born the 27th May, 1817, and died on the 6th February, 1916. He was Grand Master in 1865.

Of the condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction the Grand Master said:

The year has been greatly fruitful and prosperous—our net gain is unparalleled—attendance on the call of the Grand Lecturer phenomenal—new lodges and new temples, and more in prospect—urban lodges thriving, and city lodges o'erwhelmed.

Everywhere evidence of Masonic recognition—trust in, and respect for the craft; everywhere confidence and hope.

Four lodges were constituted during the year and dispensations were granted for the formation of four new lodges.

The condition of the Masonic home was thus described:

Your Masonic home, in all its material aspects, is in first-class condition. It is in a good state of repair, it is kept in the pink of condition, cleanly and wholesome, it is inviting and cheerful; it is in the best sense a home. With such surroundings, maintained to such a degree of excellence, it would appear that the per capita cost per resident of \$4.71 a week is above criticism.

Bro. Lusk was severe upon lodges whose necessitous members received assistance in other jurisdictions and then refused to reimburse the assisting lodges. He suggested the following amendment to the constitution:

It is the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability so to do, the duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge from which it holds its charter. It being understood that in no case is the lodge furnishing relief and asking reimbursement to go beyond actual necessities, and to produce evidence always of its prior endeavour to secure authority from the reimbursing body.

No action was taken, as the Jurisprudence Committee reported that formal notice of motion must be given, and in this case it had not been given.

The Grand Master had issued a letter to lodges in the cities suggesting the establishment of Masonic bureaus. "This," he said, "is practical

Masonry, and brings its own reward. To help others to help themselves is a tenet of Masonic faith, worthy of constant practice and exemplification."

The Grand Lecturer reported that 137 lodges of instruction had been held during the year, at which 380 lodges had been represented, and 27,418 members had been present, including 3,368 officers of lodges.

The very full and excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor. As Bro. Winsor is forbidden to express opinions he gives us no opportunity to quarrel with him. (N.B.—We would not quarrel with Bro. Winsor for a dollar.)

Lodges in Michigan 436, including two under dispensation; members 82,551, a gain for the year of 3,694.

John H. Hawks, Lansing, Grand Master.

Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Sixty-fourth annual communication, held at St. Paul January 17th, 1917. Alfred G. Pinkham Grand Master.

The craft was prosperous during the year, harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and, while there were many deaths to deplore, there was no break in the rank of grand officers.

The Grand Master had attended the annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and was much impressed with the importance of the work contemplated by that body. It is somewhat late in the day, but it may not be out of place here to state the actual objects of the association, which are "to erect and maintain a suitable Masonic memorial to George Washington, in the form of a temple in the city of Alexandria, Va., provided that at least one floor therein be set apart forever as a

memorial hall, to be under the control of the several grand jurisdictions in the United States of America, members of the association," and also to form a museum of articles relating to Washington and the men with whom he was associated in the war of independence.

Four lodges were constituted during the year, and dispensations granted for the formation of four new lodges.

The Grand Master had issued urgent appeals for money to build and endow a Masonic home in Minnesota. but the contributions had not met his expectations. However, a sum of more than \$17,000 for the home was subscribed by members of Grand Lodge on the same day.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master were the following: (1) A lodge under dispensation cannot receive members by affiliation; (2) A lodge may appropriate its funds for any benevolent purpose, Masonic or un-masonic if the by-laws of the lodge do not forbid; (3) Clergymen as well as others must pay the customary fees for initiation. As to the first ruling, if it is based on the constitution of Minnesota, we have no criticism to offer respecting it; otherwise it is not easy to understand why a lodge under dispensation should not receive members by affiliation. All the charter members are affiliates. We cannot understand why a good man having a demit should not join the new lodge, though he may not have been able to sign the petition for a dispensation. A lodge under dispensation has power to receive members by initiation: why not by affiliation?

Bro. Pinkham recommended an amendment to the constitution providing that no lodge should initiate, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time, but that the lecture and charge might be given to any number at the same time. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, reported that, while the recommendation of the Grand Master dealt with "a serious condition which confronts us, and which should be amended," the

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adoption of the proposed amendment would be impracticable in many lodges, and it was rejected. The Grand Master was undoubtedly in the right. In stating his case he said:

I am afraid there are times when we are too anxious and too ready to take men in for the sake of their numbers their fees, or the making of a good record of activity. Are we simply becoming a factory for turning out Master Masons? There is danger that we are. What makes me a Mason? My obligation. The best Mason is he to whom the obligation is most intelligently and instructively given. Many of the jurisdictions around us, and some of the largest allow only one candidate to be obligated at one time. The ancient landmarks had only one in mind. So, too, our own Minnesota work. Moreover, every candidate is entitled to have the whole work exemplified upon himself alone.

He might have added that it is the duty of the Worshipful Master to know that each candidate understands and repeats the whole of the obligation, and he cannot be sure if two or more candidates are speaking at the same time.

Lodges in Minnesota 268; including four under dispensation; members 33,766, a gain for the year of 1,752.

Albert Berg, St. Paul, Grand Master.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Ninety-ninth annual communication, held at Jackson February 13th, 1917. George Boyd Power Grand Master.

Before the formal opening there was a public meeting at the Century Theatre, at which Masons, citizens and ladies were present. The Mayor of Jackson welcomed the officers and members of Grand Lodge in a felicitous address; there was good music; and a flag of the United States, made from cotton grown in Mississippi, was presented to the Grand Master by the ladies of Jackson.

In his address the Grand Master sounded a note of warning—almost of alarm—respecting the financial position of Grand Lodge. He said:

Just how or when it came about I do not know, but the fact is that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is just one year behind in its revenues, and in addition to that it is carrying a debt of something over \$10,000.00 on account of the digest published two years ago. The result of this is that we have a load of something like \$1,000 interest each year to shoulder and we are always cramped for money and have absolutely no funds with which to do the real work that the Grand Lodge ought to be doing.

He suggested several methods of increasing the revenue and of reducing expenses. The brethren are not afraid to pay, for the lodges send yearly \$1 per capita for maintenance of the Masonic home and seventy-five cents per capita for the general expenses of Grand Lodge. In the end some measures of retrenchment were approved, and it is to be hoped that the jurisdiction will soon find its treasury full of money.

Bro. Power recommended an amendment to the constitution reciting that—

Lodges do not have perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates for initiation, but in every petition for initiation the petitioner shall be required to state whether he has ever been rejected by a Masonic lodge, and if he has, then to state the name and location of such lodge.

That is undoubtedly right: the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material has not a leg to stand on, either in ethics or in ancient Masonic usage. There is ground for holding that a Mason may lawfully blackball a candidate who, though a good man, is persona non grata to the Mason, but there is no ground for holding that that Mason may lawfully exclude the candidate from every other lodge in the world.

The Grand Master also recommended that all candidates be balloted for for all three degrees at the same time; but the Jurisprudence Committee reported adversely, and the report of the committee was sustained.

One of the questions the Grand Master was asked to answer was: "How many windows should there be in the north side of the lodge building?" He replied: "I think the number of windows to be placed in the north side of the lodge building

should depend altogether on your need for light and ventilation." And the brother seeking for more light in Masonry was probably happy when he received the ruling of the Grand Master.

Lodges in Mississippi 378; members 20,476, a gain for the year of 133.

G. Frederic Cullens, Wallerville, Grand Master.

Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Ninety-sixth annual communication, held at St. Louis September 19th, 1916. Frank R. Jesse Grand Master.

The Grand Master was called upon to announce the loss by death of M. W. Bro. William M. Williams, who was Grand Master in 1887, and who died on the day before the assembling of Grand Lodge. He also noted the death of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Alphonso Chase Stewart, who was a prominent figure in Missouri Masonry. The Grand Master said: "His Masonic motto was that of the blind Roman soldier found slain on the field of battle, 'I serve.'" If Bro. Jesse will pardon us, it was John of Luxemburg, the blind King of Bohemia, whose motto was Ich Dien—I serve. He was killed at the battle of Crecy, in 1346, by the Black Prince, son of Edward the Third of England. The King's motto and his crest of three feathers were adopted by the victor, and have been those of the Prince of Wales ever since.

The Grand Master said: "Our relations with other grand jurisdictions continue to be all that could be desired."

He was asked if one engaged in the manufacture of weiss bier might petition for initiation. The questioner said that "weiss bier is not considered an intoxicating liquor." To which Bro. Jesse replied: "No. Ten drinks of beer containing two per cent of alcohol is just as intoxicating as

one drink of whiskey containing twenty per cent. of alcohol, and makes you feel a great deal worse." Well, we'll take Brother Jesse's word for it.

During the year the Grand Master had visited about seventy lodges in Missouri, and he had gone to Decatur, Illinois, to witness a transfer of the Travelling Trowel, and see the Master Mason degree worked by a Missouri lodge, which was done to his entire satisfaction.

The Grand Secretary reported that five lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations granted for the formation of nine new lodges.

Two brethren gave \$5,000 each (\$10,000 in all) to the permanent endowment fund of the Masonic home.

The St. Louis Masonic Employment Bureau reported that during the year more than a thousand Masons had been placed in situations.

At different times during the communication the work of the three degrees was exemplified for the benefit of the brethren, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

Thirteen cities in Missouri have Masonic boards of relief, and the committee having them in charge reported that during the year 454 persons applied for assistance, of whom 75 were "unquestionably worthy."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. the Rev. C. C. Woods. It was a good and comprehensive report. Bro. Woods estimates that there are more than two and a half millions of Masons in the world, "counting every grade and order." Well, some of them had better be "counted out." He fears that trouble will result from the claim of some Grand Lodges to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, because the body accepting such material will "protect its members and sever fraternal relations with the offending bodies."

Lodges in Missouri 644; members 66,853, a gain for the year of 2,495.

Edward Higbee, Kirksville, Grand Master.

John R. Parsons, 510 Pine Street, St. Louis,
Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

The published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana inform us that the fifty-second annual communication of that Grand Lodge "began to be held in the city of Butte at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, August 30th, 1916, and concluded in the Masonic Temple at the town of Virginia—the place of its birth—on Friday, September 1st, 1916." W. H. Allen Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Sol Star, who was a member of the Grand Lodge at its formation in 1866, and was Grand Master in 1873, was escorted to the East and formally welcomed.

In opening his address M. W. Bro. Allen recalled the fact that at the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1866 three lodges were represented, and the total attendance was nine. From that small beginning the present body had grown. Its progress and prosperity, he said, were a cause of pride to all its members; peace and harmony reigned throughout the jurisdiction; and fraternal relations were maintained with all regular Masonic bodies throughout the world.

Nine lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been granted for the formation of six new lodges.

A profane petitioned Lodge A. for membership, and was elected, but did not present himself for initiation. Sixteen years later this man petitioned another lodge in the same city. The Grand Master ruled that the candidate was the property of Lodge A., and the other lodge could not accept him without a waiver from Lodge A. Doubtless this is good Masonic law in Montana, but it does not appear to be good common sense. Claims to perpetual jurisdiction, whether by private lodge or a grand lodge, are not in keeping with the spirit of the age.

The jubilee ceremonies at Butte were very interesting, and largely historical and reminiscent. The meeting appears to have been unofficial; and the members of Grand Lodge evidently returned to Virginia City, for the Grand Lodge was formally closed there.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was again presented by M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner. Bro. Hepner's reports are always good; but we feel it a duty to call him to account for misusing the words of the Volume of Sacred Law when he speaks of traveling in the "straight and narrow path." Now, the Scripture says that "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life," but a strait path is not necessarily a straight path.

Lodges in Montana 110, of which six are under dispensation; members 9,902, a gain for the year of 921.

R. W. Getty, Milltown, Grand Master.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Fifty-ninth annual communication held at Omaha June 6th, 1916. Samuel S. Whiting Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master said that he had given a good deal of time to Masonry during the year, and where his private business had interfered with his Masonic duties he had neglected the business.

The craft had prospered throughout the jurisdiction, and harmony had prevailed between Nebraska and other jurisdictions.

The fraternity had lost by death no less than five Past Grand Masters. They were M. W. Bro. Edward Kimball Valentine, Grand Master in 1878; Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master in 1896; John Bell Dinsmore, Grand Master in 1897; Albert Wallace

Crites, Grand Master in 1900; and William A. De Bord, Grand Master in 1908.

Six lodges were constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

The Grand Master had decided that a lodge room could not be legally dedicated, if occupied by other bodies, "unless they are auxiliary bodies." The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, amended this ruling to read that "A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied by the following bodies only: A chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a council of Royal and Select Masters, a commandery of Knights Templar, a body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a temple of the ancient Arabic order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. To this list Grand Lodge added the Acacia Fraternity.

The Nebraska Masonic home appears to be doing good work and is well supported by the fraternity. Receipts and disbursements were about \$42,000. Counting the stay of those who were in the home for parts of a year the average number of inmates was 44, and the average cost of maintaining an inmate for a year was \$250.36.

Bro. Whiting ruled that a lodge which received a petition for initiation on the 15th of February could not legally ballot on it at the next regular meeting, which fell on the 14th of March, because one lunar month had not elapsed. No doubt that is in accordance with the letter of the law in Nebraska, but we cannot think it is quite right. The intent of the law is that sufficient time shall intervene between the reception of the petition and the balloting to permit of proper enquiry respecting the qualifications of the candidate, and for that purpose twenty-seven days are as good as twenty-eight.

The Grand Master recommended that lodges abandon "moon-time" in fixing the dates of their meetings; but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the change, and Grand Lodge sus-

tained the committee. In Nebraska, as in other jurisdictions, members of rural lodges like to return to their home a la claire de lune. Who can blame them?

The death of Past Grand Master Phelps left the chairmanship of the Committee on Correspondence vacant, and the Grand Master appointed to that position M. W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt, who presented a well written and well-considered report. It is to be regretted that Bro. Ehrhardt thinks that he will not continue to hold the position, for he said that the review then presented would be "probably the last." Dealing with this jurisdiction Bro. Ehrhardt said:

The large attendance was caused by reason of Past Masters being permanent members of the Grand Lodge, Hamilton, where the Grand Lodge was held, having eight lodges with a total membership of two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, had one hundred and forty seven Past Masters registered and entitled to vote; while Toronto, with a membership of six thousand five hundred and fifty-seven, had eighty-nine Past Masters registered.

Our brother has failed to distinguish between the city of Hamilton and the Hamilton District, which had twenty-six lodges.

Lodges in Nebraska 270, including three under dispensation; members 23,664, a gain for the year of 1,359.

Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Fifty-second annual communication, held at Reno June 13th, 1916. Benjamin W. Coleman Grand Master.

The Grand Master began his address by saying that his tenure of office had been remarkable in that nothing had occurred which demanded his serious consideration. He added:

We have much to give thanks for. No withering, blighting plague has laid its heavy hand upon our country;

no enemy has set foot upon our shores; peace and harmony prevail in our fraternity, and though there has been no appreciable growth in numbers, we feel that the true, fraternal spirit more thoroughly imbues our ranks than for some years past.

He had not been idle during his term of office, for he had personally visited eighteen of the twenty three lodges in the state.

Bro. Coleman regretted lack of uniformity in the work in different parts of the jurisdiction, due to the fact that many lodges felt that they could not afford to employ the Master of Instruction to visit them. The Grand Master suggested that the official named should be authorized to hold schools of instruction in various parts of the state, so that officers of all, or nearly all, of the lodges might be able to attend. No definite action appears to have been taken.

Respecting the Oregon invitation to attend a conference of Grand Masters, the Committee on the Grand Master's address repeated the report of 1914—"That the Grand Master attend the gathering, and oppose the formation of any general grand Masonic body."

A committee, appointed at the preceding communication to consider the question of establishing a Masonic home, had made a careful study of the subject, and had reached a conclusion that, whatever the needs of other jurisdictions might be, Nevada was not in a position to establish a home, but that the grants made by private lodges might be supplemented by Grand Lodge assistance. The committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be instructed to set aside each year ten per cent. of the gross revenues as a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, to be administered by a standing committee to be known as the Trustees of the Charity Fund, who shall be appointed annually by the incoming Grand Master, and who are to act in closest possible co-operation with constituent lodges, after serious consultation with the principal officers of the constituent lodges, and after a careful examination of the resources of said lodges.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, who evidently put a great deal of labor and thought into his work.

Lodges in Nevada 23; members 1,977, a gain of two.

Alfred W. Holmes, Reno, Grand Master.

Edward J. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Forty-ninth annual communication, held at St. John April 25th, 1916. Hedley V. B. Bridges, LL. D., Grand Master.

In his address M. W. Bro. Bridges said that harmony and peace prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, while a measure of progress and prosperity had been achieved. He added: "The financial condition of Grand Lodge and of our subordinate lodges is excellent, and there has also been a substantial increase in membership."

Speaking of the brethren who had laid down their lives for their country on the field of battle he said:

There is a passage in the speech of Pericles, in the pages of the Greek historian. The great Athenian, in pronouncing the funeral oration over the dead bodies of his country's heroes fallen in battle, said that Athens was losing in the death of her many young bravest of men what the year would lose if robbed of its spring. And so today, Canada, in common with other parts of our empire, is losing in the death of these heroes what the year would lose if spring were rudely snatched away. But just as the dead heroes of ancient Greece rendered the pages of her history glorious and illustrious for over twenty centuries, so will the deeds of the dead heroes of Canada illuminate the pages of her history, and go down through the ages as an example of as pure a loyalty and as genuine a patriotism as this world has ever seen. "Their glory thus shall circle us till time be done."

The Grand Master had visited a very large number of the lodges in his jurisdiction, having in mind that "such visits are not alone for the purpose of fraternal greeting, but for the purpose of

getting information concerning the general condition of lodges and of ascertaining the character of the work performed by them."

He had granted many dispensations to lodges to confer degrees at short intervals on candidates who had enlisted for foreign service; but, he said, "in no case should a dispensation for the purpose of conferring degrees at short intervals be looked upon as an unimportant matter. Certainly the mere temporary convenience of a candidate should not be considered a sufficient ground for an application for a dispensation."

The jubilee of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is coincident this year (1917) with the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England; and Bro. Bridges thought there should be some celebration of the occasion. Evidently he did not desire any effort or any expense which might interfere in the slightest degree with war work.

Recalling the fact that, in May, 1914, before the assassination of the Austrian Grand Duke, and when there was no immediate prospect of war, the Prussian Grand Masters had forbidden all Masonic advocacy of pacifism, Bro. Bridges said:

For some time past the three Prussian Grand Masters have been men of high official positions, and, therefore, share in the secrets of the high councils of the empire. They required no prophetic prevision to note for them what the future held in store. They therefore opposed among German lodges the cultivation of sentiments of universal peace.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized, and an exchange of representatives authorized.

There are 40 lodges in New Brunswick, but one of them appears to be moribund. Members 3,769, a gain for the year of 84.

Hedley V. B. Bridges, LL.D., Fredericton, Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Semi-annual communication, held at Manchester December 28th, 1915. Stephen S. Jewett Grand Master.

On the day before the opening of Grand Lodge a meeting was held under the direction of the Grand Lecturer for the instruction of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers. This business occupied the whole of the day.

On the following day Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. W. Bro. Jewett, and was wholly given up to exemplification of the three degrees of craft Masonry by selected teams. The interest taken in these schools of instruction is evidenced by the fact that all regular officers of Grand Lodge, nine Past Grand Masters, twenty-five other past grand officers, and representatives of sixty-nine of the eighty lodges in the state were present. In fact, the attendance was much larger than at the annual communication of Grand Lodge. With preparatory instruction of this nature one cannot wonder that the officers of lodges throughout New Hampshire are alert and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

Lodges of instruction were also held in several of the districts of the jurisdiction, at which the Grand Master was present and Grand Lodge was opened.

The annual communication was held at Concord May 17th, 1916. The Grand Master in the East.

The death was announced of M. W. Bro. William Russell Burleigh, who was Grand Master in 1886 and 1887. "In the death of M. W. Bro. Burleigh," said the Grand Master, "the Masonic fraternity in New Hampshire suffers an incalculable loss."

Relations with other grand jurisdictions were of the most friendly character. The Grand Master's report was: "Our Grand Lodge is on terms of

brotherly love and friendship with every other recognized Masonic jurisdiction in the world."

Bro. Jewett had only words of praise for the Masonic home; but, he said, the great need was sufficient funds to carry on the home. Additions and improvements were necessary; and he asked all the members of Grand Lodge to present the facts to the brethren, on their return to their homes, and urge liberal contributions.

He also strongly advocated the erection of a suitable monument to Major-General John Sullivan, President of New Hampshire, who was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, elected in 1789.

For the tenth time M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, the Grand Secretary, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Cheney said: "Those who know me best have found out that I take my Freemasonry seriously. I believe a real Mason must have a heart and head as well as an intestine. The 'knife and fork degree' is a minor matter if one aspires to be rightly termed a Master Mason." In that spirit he deals with the doings of sister jurisdictions—but always with charity.

Lodges in New Hampshire 80; members 11,058, a gain for the year of 148.

George E. Bales, Wilton, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

Thirty-ninth annual communication, held at East Las Vegas, October 9th, 1916. Amos W. Pollard Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master dealt almost exclusively with the local affairs of the craft, which have little interest outside the jurisdiction; but he appears to have been a very busy man during his term of office. Three lodges were constituted and consecrated. An application for

a new lodge was refused because, though between thirty and forty Masons lived in the neighborhood only nine could be found to sign the petition for a new lodge.

One Ira A. Wilson, a resident of New Mexico, petitioned a lodge in New Mexico, was accepted and received the first degree, but did not present himself for any other degree. After some years, he moved to Louisiana, and a lodge in that state requested authority from the New Mexico lodge to confer the second and third degrees upon the brother. The authority was given; the Louisiana lodge collected the fees for the two degrees, and remitted the money to the New Mexico lodge. But again the wandering brother flitted, and this time settled down within the jurisdiction of another Louisiana lodge, without having received the degrees for which he had paid. The lodge to whose jurisdiction he had now gone asked permission of the Grand Master of Louisiana to confer the remaining degrees, and M. W. Bro. Purser granted the request, saying that the candidate "was within the jurisdiction of Blazing Star Lodge, and that, since he was permanently resident in the state, he was Louisiana material." This is very strange Masonic doctrine. Bro. Wilson was made a Mason in the New Mexico lodge; he was a member of that lodge, and he never ceased to be a member—at least not up to the time at which he received his second and third degrees. Louisiana holds to the doctrine that a Mason cannot be a member of two lodges. How, then, could Mr. Wilson become a member of Blazing Star Lodge? He was not raw material: he was already a Mason and a member of a lodge in another grand jurisdiction, and he presented no dimit to the Louisiana lodge. One Louisiana lodge acknowledged his membership in New Mexico by asking permission of the New Mexico lodge to confer the degrees upon the brother. M. W. Bro. Purser himself admitted it by saying that Blazing Star Lodge (Louisiana) would act in conjunction with Chapman Lodge (New Mexico) "as to fees and any other matters concerning this member." There is

not a reasonable doubt that Louisiana is absolutely in the wrong in the matter.

A lodge found itself in the unfortunate position of being unable to hold a meeting for the election of its officers. The Master and both Wardens had left the jurisdiction of the lodge. It was decided that the Grand Master would go down, open the lodge and conduct the election of officers. In some jurisdictions any Past Master of a lodge may preside in the absence of the regular officers.

The condensed but good report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. John Milne. In his concluding remarks Bro. Milne said:

The one point which has impressed me while reviewing the doings of the past year, has been the growth and sentiment in favor of the physically imperfect candidate. More and more are the different jurisdictions willing to let subordinate lodges say whether the loss of a little finger should make a man ineligible for the degrees. Soon we believe the internal and not the external qualifications will determine a man's fitness.

That expresses the opinion of the great mass of Masons throughout the world.

Lodges in New Mexico 45; members 3,737, a gain for the year of 173.

Alonzo B. McMillen, Albuquerque, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The twenty-eighth annual report of the doings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales is a neatly printed and comprehensive volume of the proceedings at four quarterly and one annual communications of the Grand Lodge, of which M. W. Bro. William Thompson was and is Grand Master.

A quarterly communication was held at Sydney September 8th, 1915. The beginnings of a War Benevolent Fund had reached the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master said: "In this time of unparallel-

ed stress and trial we must, as Masons, be prepared to make sacrifices without precedent for our noble brethren at the front."

He disapproved of the practice in some lodges of obligating candidates on separate copies of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and afterwards presenting to each candidate the book on which he sealed his obligation, and he had forbidden it when it came under his personal observation. Some lodges in this jurisdiction follow the practice of which M. W. Bro. Thompson disapproves, first because of sanitary considerations, and next because a certificate is placed in the volume showing the dates of initiation, passing and raising; and the book is valued by the brother and retained as a souvenir.

A quarterly communication was held December 8th, 1915, at which the Grand Master said that the War Benevolent Fund had been increased to £2,273. The brethren at the front numbered 895, of whom 40 had fallen in battle.

He condemned the practice in some lodges of closing down directly from the third to the first degree. It was, he said, grossly irregular, and there must be no omission in the closing of the second degree.

A quarterly communication was held on the 8th of March, 1916.

The trustees reported the completion of the Masonic hall at Sydney, which is the property of the Grand Lodge. It had cost £43,354, and was thought to be worth fully £65,000. There was a debt upon it of £27,000 which, it was estimated, would be extinguished in twelve years, when the property would be a source of considerable revenue to the benevolent funds.

A quarterly communication was held June 14th, 1916.

The Grand Master announced that 2,267 Master Masons' certificates had been issued during the year.

He had personally visited lodges in all parts of the jurisdiction to the number of 151.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed an increase in the fund of benevolence of £3,268; in the fund of general purposes of £2,820; and a large increase to the credit of the temple fund. The total amount at the credit of all Grand Lodge funds was £71,735.

The report of the Grand Secretary cannot be surpassed for brevity and satisfactory showing. That officer said: "Total lodges 263, all of which have made their returns and paid dues to date." What more was necessary?

M. W. Bro. William Thompson was re-elected Grand Master.

A further grant of £250 was made in aid of Belgian children whose parents had been killed or disabled during the war.

The printed Roll of Honor contained the names of 1,433 members, of whom 54 had lost their lives on the field of battle.

The Grand Master said that, notwithstanding the war, the craft was flourishing beyond expectations. There was a gross membership of about 22,500, showing an increase of 1,010.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by a committee of which V. W. Bro. S. Scott-Young was chairman, the work being distributed among the members. Bro. Scott-Young wrote the report on Canada with friendly judiciousness. He says that in this jurisdiction "all Grand Lodge officers below the rank of Grand Warden are designated V. W. Bro." That is not quite correct. All Grand Lodge officers elected by Grand Lodge are styled Right Worshipful: those appointed by the Grand Master are styled Very Worshipful. The exceptions to that rule are the District Deputy Grand Masters, who are selected by vote of the district meetings and appointed by the Grand Master, and who have the title of Right Worshipful.

The other exception is the Grand Tyler, who is elected by open vote of Grand Lodge, and retains his craft lodge title.

Lodges in New South Wales 263, an increase of three; members 22,465, a gain for the year of 959.

William Thompson, Sydney, Grand Master.

Alfred H. Bray, Masonic Hall, Sydney, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

One hundred and thirty-fifth annual communication, held at New York May 2nd, 1916. George Freifeld Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was an ably-written and highly interesting paper.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. Charles W. Mead, who was Grand Master in 1900-1901. Also of Bro. Ferdinand F. Lambert, who was born in 1826, was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1848, and had continued membership in his mother lodge for more than sixty-seven years.

Good progress had been made during the year in raising money for redemption of the debt on the temple in New York. The total receipts amounted to \$703,000, of which \$252,000 had been contributed during the year. But while the several properties of Grand Lodge were valued at \$5,750,000, the liabilities upon them amounted to \$3,105,000. Bro. Freifeld thought the lodges would contribute further sums amounting to about a million dollars. When the debt upon the New York property is extinguished the revenue from it will maintain the home at Utica.

A committee on printing had been appointed for the purpose of giving publicity to such concerns of the fraternity as are of general public interest, and to guard against publication of matters of a private nature.

Another committee had been appointed to arrange for a fitting celebration of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, the mother Grand Lodge of the world. The Grand Master hoped that by 1917 peace would be restored to troubled Europe. At present that desired consummation has not been realized.

The Grand Secretary had some figures of large proportions to lay before Grand Lodge. The receipts of the year had been \$243,474.38; there had been 11,048 initiations; and the number of Master Masons at the end of the year was 197,423. Nine new lodges had been instituted during the year.

The Commissioners of Appeals submitted a memorandum of suggestions for the guidance of lodges in the prosecution of trials of members.

The committee on Masonic Employment Bureau reported that positions had been found during the year for 684 Masons. The expense attending this work had been \$4,395.

R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, the Grand Historian, presented a highly interesting and valuable report on the origin of modern Freemasonry, which, much condensed, is copied below. It contains pretty much all that has been discovered on the subject of which it treats:

Beginnings of the Premier Grand Lodge.

Shortly after the accession of George I. to the throne of Great Britain, a number of "accepted Free-Masons," of whom we shall speak more fully by and by, resolved to form a centre of union. Accordingly, a preliminary meeting was held, in February, 1717. at the Apple Tree Tavern, in London, which was attended by representatives of four "drooping lodges," together with "some old brothers." After having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (then Master of a lodge), "they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tempore* in due form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communication of the officers of lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual assembly and feast, and then to choose a Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honor of a noble brother at their head."

The first "Annual Assembly and Feast" of this provisional Grand Lodge was held four months later, on John

Baptist day, June 24, 1717, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Before sitting down to dinner, Mr. Anthony Sayer, Gentleman, was elected Grand Master and duly installed.

Nothing of any moment appears to have transpired between the Annual Assembly of 1717 and that of 1718, except perhaps the probable admission to membership of George Payne, Esquire, who became Grand Master on June 24, 1718. Soon after this, the young, or, if you prefer to call it so, the rejuvenated, Fraternity made a notable accession in John Theophilus Desaguliers, who became identified with one of the existing lodges, was promptly made Master of his lodge, and at the following Annual Assembly on June 24, 1719, was elected Grand Master.

Desaguliers was thirty-six years old when he became Grand Master. He was the son of a French Huguenot, clergyman, who had been forced to leave his native country, on the revocation of the edict of Nantes, in 1685, and had found refuge and a parsonage in London, the haven for thousands of exiled Protestants from all parts of the European continent. John Theophilus proceeded to Oxford, after the death of his father, where he came under the influence of the great Newton, who took special interest in him. After taking his academic degrees, entering on deacon's orders, and occupying a chair of experimental philosophy, he was in 1714 elected a fellow of the famous Royal Society and invited to become demonstrator and curator of that exclusive body of promoters of the natural sciences. Sir Isaac Newton, who held him in high esteem, was then president of the Royal Society. In the same year Desaguliers became chaplain to the Duke of Chandon. King George I., who listened to one of his sermons, was so greatly impressed that he commanded him to deliver courses of lectures at Court. Desaguliers retained this royal favor through the reign of George I. and continued his lectures to the royal household under George II., presumably until he died in 1744.

The thing that gave particular satisfaction to the brethren of the Grand Lodge was Desaguliers' relations with royalty. The brethren had set their hearts on capturing "the honor of a noble brother at their head." Desaguliers was the man to get them the "Honor." Their ambitions were satisfied when, in 1721, "John, Duke of Montagu, Master of a lodge," was elected Grand Master.

After his election the Duke "commanded Desaguliers and James Anderson, A. M., men of genius and education, to revise, arrange and digest the Gothic Constitutions, old charges and general regulations." The task was completed, not the manuscript submitted to the Grand Lodge on John Evangelist day, in 1721. "A committee of fourteen learned bards were appointed to examine the manuscript." This Committee, after making some "amendments," recommended

approval, in 1722. The work was adopted and ordered to be printed, and was published in 1723.

The title of the "Constitution" tells plainly enough that the history of the "Right Worshipful Fraternity of Accepted Free-Masons" was "collected from their general records, and their faithful traditions of many Ages." Traditions are interwoven with authentic history. Furthermore Anderson states expressly, in his preface to the "Constitution" of 1738, that "only an expert brother, by the true light, can readily find many useful hints in almost every page of this book, which Cowans and others not initiated (*also among Masons*) cannot discern."

A most important suggestion, the one which I regard as the principal key to the real history of the fraternity, is tucked away between the pages given to songs, in the appendix to the book of Constitutions. It is printed after the "Warden's Song," as if intended only to fill an open space:

"To fill up this page it is thought not amiss to insert here a paragraph from an old record of Masons, viz., *The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed Free Masons of ancient standing and good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings diverse tymes, and as a loving brotherhood should use to doe, did frequent this mutual assembly in the tyme of King Henry IV. the 12th year of his most gracious reign.* And the said record describing a *coat of arms*, much the same with that of the *London Company of Freeman Masons*, it is generally believed that the said *company* is descended of the ancient *fraternity*; and that in former times no man was made free of that *company* until he was install'd in some *lodge of Free and Accepted Masons*, as a necessary qualification. But that laudable practise seems to have been long in *dessuetude*.

"The brethren in foreign parts have also discovered that several noble and ancient *societies* and *orders* of men have derived their *charges* and *regulations* from the *Free-Masons* (which are now the most ancient *order* upon earth), and perhaps were originally all members too of the said ancient and worshipful *fraternity*. But this will more fully appear in due time."

In order to bring out more clearly that here we have two distinct propositions, I have broken the "Paragraph" in two.

We must content ourselves here with a more or less summary consideration of the line of investigation suggested in proposition number two.

The "old Record of Masons," which is referred to in the space-filler, I have been enabled to trace to a second edition of Stow's famous "Survey of London," published in 1633, ten years after the first "enlarged" edition appeared

in print and twenty-eight years after the death of the author of the original work. The edition of 1633 contains several matters of special interest to Masons. We are told on the title page that this "Survey" is "now completely finished by the study and labors of A. M. H. D. and others, this present yeere 1633."

In one section of the book are printed coats of arms of London livery companies, with brief explanatory notes. After the twelve principal companies, headed by the Mercers, who became a company in 1393, follow the minor companies in order of sequence, the Masons being number 30. Regarding the latter, we are given this information:

"The Company of *Masons*, being otherwise termed Free-Masons, of ancient standing and good reckoning, have be meanes of affable and kind meetings divers times, and as a loving brotherhood should use to doe, did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King *Henery* the fourth, in the twelfth yeere of his most gracious reigne."

There we have word for word the story told in the space-filler between the "Songs" of the Constitutions of 1723. We are informed, then, that the Free-Masons met as a "loving Brotherhood," in 1410, and that they were identified with the London Company of Masons.

If we now consult the rare and monumental "History and Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, Being an improvement of Mr. Stow's and other Historic Writers, By R. Seymour, Esq., and J. Marchant. Gent.," published in 1754, and, therefore, written with a full knowledge of the Grand Lodge of England, then thirty-seven years old, we obtain further light:

"This Company (of Masons) were incorporated about the year 1410, having been called the Free Masons, a fraternity of great account, who have been honoured by several Kings and very many of the nobility and gentry, being of this society."

The arms of this society were granted "by William Hanckeslow, Clarencieux King of Arms," in 1472, during the reign of Edward IV. We are told further that the Masons of the Company were "once called Freemasons, but that denomination appears now to belong to another Fraternity." This was written, you see, in 1754.

We have now a fairly clear indication that the forebears of the "Accepted Free-Masons" who formed the Grand Lodge of England, were connected in some way with the London Company of Masons. The records of that Company, therefore, ought to supply further information regarding antecedents. I have consulted, with this thought in mind, Conder's "Records of the Hole Crafts," the Parliamentary Reports on the Livery Companies of London, and many other supplementary sources.

Conder was the Master of the Masons' Company in 1894. While we may not be able to follow him in his personal conclusions, we must accept his gleanings from the original records. He was the first to bring to light that there existed in that company "a dual condition," as early as 1620 "and inferentially in the earliest times." He speaks of a "curious secret brotherhood" within the bosom of the company. Traditions are preserved we are told of an old "fellowship which undoubtedly existed in Britain in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries."

The ancient records of the company were consumed in the great fire which devastated London, with the exception of an old account book, which furnished the material for several important discoveries. Conder writes:

"As early as 1620, or twenty-one years before any mention of the Society (of Accepted Masons) is made by any writers of the seventeenth century, we find in the first year entered in the account book, which is the earliest document concerning the guild that remains in the company's possession, an entry referring to certain gratuities received from new members in consequence of their having been *accepted* on the livery."

In 1621 occur entries of certain payments, made by these new members, when they were *made* Masons, "doubtless by some ancient ceremony."

In 1631 there appears this notice concerning "accepted" members:

"Paid in going abroad and at meeting in the hall about the Masons that were to be accepted—6s. 6d."

Entry in 1650: "Item received of Thomas Moore, Junior, in full of his fine for coming on the livery and admission *upon* acceptance of Masonry, £4."

£4 appears to have been the regular admission fee. "Coming on the livery," was prerequisite, it seems, to "acceptance." The "Accepted" Masons formed a separate division or divisions, meeting as a lodge or lodges.

Entry in 1665: Master orders inventory taken of goods and documents belonging to the Company; from this inventory it appears that there was hanging in the hall a list of *Accepted Masons*, enclosed in a "faire frame, with a lock and key."

Further clues concerning these mysterious "Accepted Masons" are few. The earliest found, so far as I am informed, is that supplied by entries made by Elias Ashmole (1617 to 1692), in his published diary. There we read, under date of October, 1646: "4.30 p.m. I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Karineham, in Cheshire." Other names mentioned are all of men who were *not* operatives.

Ashmole mentions the Freemasons again when referring to the historical meeting of a lodge held at Masons' Hall, Basinghall Street, London (the Hall of the Masons' Company), on March 11, 1682. He records that the Master, his Warden, and several members of the Company were present on that occasion, and adds: "We all dynd at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside, at the charge of the new accepted Masons."

Ashmole is often spoken of as a Rosicrucian. He appears to have been a seeker after curiosities, studied physics and mathematics with predilection, went to London in 1646, where he mixed much in astrological circles, and cultivated particularly the acquaintance of Lilly and Booker. A further hint as to his connections is found in his having been a guest at "the mathematical feast at the White Hart."

Following Conder's statement that there was "doubtless an ancient ceremony" attending "making" of Masons, we may next quote from a manuscript note by Randle Holme, the genealogist, written between 1640 and 1650; what appears to have been part of the oath on admission to the fellowship:

"There is several words and signs of a free Mason to be revealed to you which as you will answer before God at the great and terrible day of judgment, you keep secret and not reveal the same to any in the hearing of any person whatsoever, but to the masters and fellows of the said society of free Masons, so help me, God."

The Bodleian Library, Oxford, has a MS. of 1686, in which there is a notation in John Aubrey's handwriting as follows:

"1691, May 18.—This day a great convention at St. Paul's Church of the fraternity of the Accepted Masons ("free" crossed out by Aubrey, and "accepted" substituted by him); where Sir Christopher Wren is to be adopted a brother; and Sir Henry Goodric of the Tower and divers others. There have been kings that have been of this sodality."

Aubrey was an antiquary, who had been made a fellow of the Royal Society, in May, 1663. Among his friends were Sir William Petty, political economist and inventor; Hobbes, the philosopher; and Ashmole. He composed, by order of King Charles II., an unpublished discourse on Stonehenge and other ancient stone monuments which he regarded as derived from the Druids.

I shall quote just one more record before gathering up a few threads on our return to the Masons' Company. Plot's "History of Staffordshire" is too important to be passed by. It was published in 1686. In it we read:

"Among the customs of Staffordshire is one to admit men into the society of Freemasons, which membership is

more sought after here than anywhere else, though the custom extends more or less over the whole nation. Persons of the most eminent quality do not despise to belong to this fellowship."

Robert Plot goes on to relate that these Freemasons have "a large parchment volum . . . containing history and rules of the craft of masonry." He then gives substantially the account contained in the "historic" preface to the Constitutions of 1722-3, so far as England is concerned.

He describes the mode of admission. "A meeting or Lodg as they term it in some places" is called, composed of at least five "Ancients of the Order" who are presented with gloves, also for their wives. After a collation, "they proceed to the admission," which consists chiefly in the communication of "certain secret signes" whereby they know one another all over the nation, "by which means they have maintenance whither ever they travel; for if any man appear, though altogether unknown, that can show any of these signes to a *Fellow* of the Society, whom they otherwise call an *accepted* Mason, he is obliged presently to come to him, from whatever company or place soever he be."

This would seem to be quotation sufficient for our purpose. Let us now formulate a few conclusions:

Lodges of *accepted* Masons were to be found outside of London, as well as in the bosom of the London Company, during the seventeenth century. Admission was accompanied by a short ceremony, consisting of an oath of fealty and the communication of "certain signs" of recognition. It appears, further, that the "Constitutions" were read to the initiates. These Constitutions contained what purported to be the "History and Rules of the Craft of Masonry." The "History" was essentially the information contained in the later Grand Lodge Constitutions of 1722-3, at least so far as the portion relating to Britain is concerned. Many of the men admitted to membership in the secret brotherhood were particularly interested in the pursuit of the sciences and the study of history and archaeology, the names of some of these men appearing later on the register of the Royal Society. A sort of connection between the lodges of these "*accepted*" Masons and the guild of operative Masons is demonstrable in London. A "dual" condition existed in the London Company of Masons, the members of the lodge or lodges of "*accepted*" Masons forming a distinct body. The lodges of "*accepted*" Masons appear to have no continuous existence, their history representing rather a series of sporadic revivals of "an old order." The final "revival" resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, from which year onward we have a continuous, clear and historic development of Freemasonry.

We must dissent in toto from one of Bro. Lang's findings—"That Freemasonry as we know it, is in nowise derived from operative Masonry." Never-

theless the paper is most interesting and valuable, and we regret that we cannot find room for the whole of it.

After the election of officers for 1916 a portrait of the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George Freifeld, was presented to Grand Lodge.

The comprehensive and ably-written report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. William Sherer, chairman of the committee.

Lodges in New York 852; members 197,423, a gain for the year of 4,960.

Thomas Penney, Buffalo, Grand Master.

E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, Grand Secretary.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was opened on the 1st of May, 1917, but the proceedings have not yet reached us at the time of closing this report. Since that date the jurisdiction has suffered severe loss in the death of two of its oldest and most valued Past Grand Masters. M. W. Bro. William A. Brodie was the senior Past Grand Master, and he passed to his reward on the 10th of May. In announcing his death Grand Master Penney said: "From the time he first saw the light in the craft until his earthly light was extinguished the best there was in him he gave to his fellow men."

Still better known was M. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, who for thirty-six years had been Grand Secretary for that great jurisdiction. Of him M. W. Bro. Penney said: "He died in all his armor, and it was as bright as was his spirit. His heart, full of faith in God, throbbed with love of his fellows; and, because he loved deeply, deeply was he loved. He died unafraid, even as he had lived; and, as was his prayer, he served to the very end."

NEW ZEALAND.

Twenty-seventh annual communication, held at Auckland May 10th, 1916. John Joseph Dougall Grand Master.

The Grand Master was called on to note the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters, Bros. F. C. Binns and A. S. Russell.

He was glad to be able to report progress and prosperity. "It is pleasing to think," he said, "that notwithstanding the war our progress has been of such a character as justifies me in saying that Freemasonry has been prosperous during the past twelve months. We have opened only two lodges, it is true—one at Dargaville and the other at Avondale both in the Auckland district—but our funds have increased during the year at a greater rate than in any other year in the history of Grand Lodge."

M. W. Bro. Dougall had asked the brethren to raise a special war benevolent fund of £10,000. The receipts had not quite come up to his expectations, but the very liberal sum of £8,973 had been received up to the end of May, 1916. Our New Zealand brethren certainly show their faith by their works. The several funds of Grand Lodge totalled £44,622, or more than \$220,000.

Liberal contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund had been forwarded to Sir Edward Letchworth, at London.

The Grand Secretary was making efforts to secure a list of all brethren who had enlisted for overseas service, but secretaries of lodges were slow in sending in names.

The Board of General Purposes was of opinion that no Grand Lodge officer under the rank of Right Worshipful was entitled to formal reception and honors when visiting lodges.

In order to save expense, and to place the saving in the special war fund, the report on Correspondence was not printed.

Oliver Nicholson, Auckland, Grand Master.

Malcolm Niccol, Auckland, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

One hundred and thirtieth annual communication, held at Raleigh January 16th, 1917 A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master.

The Grand Master was able to congratulate the brethren on peace and progress within the jurisdiction, and amity with all other regular jurisdictions. He said:

The past year has been one in which the active Masons throughout the state have worked unceasingly and to advantage for the craft. In many places the local lodge is stronger and in better condition than it was a year ago. These results are due largely, if not entirely, to the energetic and unceasing work of those faithful Masons who have many years upheld the reputation and honor of our fraternity.

Masonry in North Carolina had suffered a severe loss by the death of R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, who had been Grand Secretary for twenty-two years. He was a man who stamped his impress on the Masonry of the state, and very greatly influenced its welfare. From all parts of the jurisdiction came expressions of sorrow for his loss and appreciation of the worth of the man. In view of his approaching death Bro. Drewry made his will, leaving a sum of ten thousand dollars for the benevolent uses of Grand Lodge, to be known as the Drewry fund.

Among the rulings of the Grand Master were the following:

1. A man of illegitimate birth may be accepted for initiation.

2. A man who had attended a college in North Carolina for two years had acquired residence there for Masonic purposes.

3. A lodge cannot provide in its by-laws that a member whose dues are in arrear for one year shall not be allowed to vote. A member must be deprived of any Masonic privileges, if at all, by due process of Masonic law.

4. A lodge member has a right to object to the admission of a visiting brother; but a member

has not a right to demand that a visiting Mason, then sitting in the lodge, be excluded or expelled therefrom. We have not known the point to be raised in the past. We should think that a member of a lodge ought not under any circumstances be compelled to sit in lodge with a brother with whom he is at variance or to retire from the lodge. Evidently the Committee on Jurisprudence took that view, for it approved only that part of the ruling which declared that "a lodge member has a right to object to the admission of a visiting brother."

In 1793 William R. Davie, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina laid the corner stone of the first building of the University of North Carolina with Masonic ceremonies. Recently the plate affixed to that stone was purchased by a brass founder as part of a lot of old metal. The inscription on it is still legible, though much defaced. The plate has come into possession of Grand Lodge and is highly prized.

Not only did North Carolina lose its Grand Secretary last year, but it also lost R. W. Bro. John A. Collins, who had for twenty years been chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Grand Master said (and he spoke thoughtfully) that it would be difficult to fill Bro. Collins's place. He was a writer learned in Masonic lore, and skilled in dealing with the many questions of Masonic law and practice which from time to time are presented to Grand Lodges. The new chairman is W. Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, who is somewhat modest in beginning his work, and does little more than to record with discretion the doings of the various bodies whose proceedings he reviews.

Lodges in North Carolina 441, including four under dispensation; members 25,910, a gain for the year of 880.

Claude L. Pridgen, Wilmington, Grand Master.

William W. Willson, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Twenty-seventh annual communication, held at Fargo June 20th, 1916. Harry Lord Grand Master.

Bro. Lord was able to congratulate Grand Lodge upon the fact that Masonry in North Dakota had made marked progress during the year. He deplored the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke, who was Grand Master in 1909, and who died on the 23rd of September, 1915. Bro. Bendeke was a man of superior ability and commanding influence, and his death is keenly felt throughout the jurisdiction.

Three lodges were constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of two new lodges.

The Grand Master proposed increase of the Masonic Relief Fund or the establishment of a new fund to be called the Grand Charity Fund. He said that the General Fund was getting to be too big, and he would like to see a larger amount set aside each year for charity.

He recommended the incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

He also proposed that the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England should be fittingly celebrated.

He had held that no meeting of a lodge might be held on Sunday except for the purpose of holding a funeral or attending Divine worship.

The Grand Secretary reported an unusual uniformity of gain in membership: in 1914 it was 464, in 1915 it was 463, and in 1916 it was 462.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws reported a revised law governing physical requirements in candidates, as follows:

If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount, aided by ordinary artificial means, to an inability to meet the requirements and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation.

After much discussion this was adopted and became the law of the jurisdiction.

A committee was appointed to investigate and report on the legal aspects of Grand Lodge incorporation; and with that report, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the lodges throughout the jurisdiction to vote on the proposition.

Lodges in North Dakota 113, including four under dispensation; members 10,035, a gain of 462.

Alexander B. Taylor, Fargo, Grand Master.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Fifty-first annual communication, held at Bear River June 14th, 1916. Donald Fisher Fraser Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. J. T. Whitlock, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and M. W. Bro. Walter P. Doull, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Grand Lodge was called off and marched in procession to St. John's Anglican Church, where a sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. the Rev. Edward A. Harris, M.A.

Referring to the war in opening his address the Grand Master said:

Still the conflict wages with all its intensity; in the meantime the bounds of the national combat have been extended, while the enemy has introduced into warfare a savagery and disregard for the safety of women and children, that in its wanton cruelty forever places them beyond the pale of Christian civilization. Time has satisfied the civilized world the more emphatically than at the outset that Great Britain's participation in the war was beyond cavil and the one true course open to a free and liberty-loving people. The wealth of evidence has proclaimed the nation as the real and humane friend of a world peace, and finds the empire the more united and more earnest in its determination to free us from the danger of dominance of a military tyranny that heaped up armaments for the mad purposes of aggression and oppression.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction, he said, had representatives in active service, and he proposed an honor roll to form a permanent record for the information of posterity.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. T. A. Cossman, who was Grand Master in 1900, and who for half a century had been an outstanding figure in the Masonic life of Nova Scotia.

One lodge had been constituted and consecrated during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of two new lodges one of them a lodge of research.

When the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed it was agreed that the Royal Standard Lodge might retain its English warrant on condition that it should accept material only from the imperial military and naval service, and that lodges under the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia should not accept such material. Complaints have been made that Halifax lodges have accepted material from H. M. ship Niobe, and there was a good deal of controversy on the subject. The local lodges contended that, while Royal Standard Lodge was entitled to all material from the imperial services, the Niobe was a Canadian ship, and not within the agreement. The Grand Master was making efforts to settle the controversy.

Dealing with the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction the Grand Master said:

While I have not before me at this writing the return of the subordinate lodges, I am convinced from my observation and the reports of the D. D. G. M's. that the year has been one of marked progress, and the membership has been materially added to both in numbers and quality. Some of the lodges have been exceptionally busy with degree work, and I am assured that they have been at the same time cautious in the ballot.

By formal resolution the Nova Scotia lodge of research was granted exemption from fees for dispensation and warrant and from dues for its members, and was granted a sum of one hundred dollars.

R. W. Bro. James C. Jones, the acting Grand Secretary, presented his first report on Foreign Correspondence. He said that in writing his report he had refrained from comment, thinking it wise to do so until he should be more comfortably fixed in his place at the round table. His report is good and judicious.

Lodges in Nova Scotia 76, including two under dispensation; members 6,855, a gain for the year of 90.

Donald Fisher Fraser, New Glasgow, Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray Halifax, Grand Secretary. R. W. Bro. J. C. Jones, Halifax, is acting Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

One hundred and seventh annual communication, held at Columbus October 18th, 1916. Frank H. Marquis Grand Master.

There were addresses of welcome on behalf of the citizens and the Masons of Columbus, and an appropriate and eloquent response on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Marquis was happy in being able to congratulate his brethren on the fact that harmony had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, that cordial relations were maintained with all other jurisdictions, and that the progress of the craft in Ohio during the year had been phenomenal. There had been a net gain of 5,854 in the membership, the largest in the history of the state.

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of six new lodges.

The Grand Master had rendered no new decisions, for he said, he did not believe in further complicating the code by unnecessary decisions, which "should be avoided save in exceptional circumstances."

He strongly urged study of Masonic history, Masonic law and Masonic literature generally.

An Entered Apprentice from Ohio removed to Pennsylvania, and the Ohio lodge requested a Pennsylvania lodge to confer upon him the second and third degrees. But the law of Pennsylvania would not permit that unless the candidate came as a joining brother with a demit from his mother lodge; while the law of Ohio forbids the granting of a demit to any but Master Masons. Let us suggest that a conference of Grand Masters deal with these questions of interjurisdictional comity, and try to get some uniformity of action. If they cannot do that what good purpose do they serve?

M. W. Bro. William B. Melish presented to Grand Lodge Bro. U. C. Deardorff, who was ninety years of age and had been a Mason for sixty-seven years. Bro. Melish believed him to be the oldest Mason in Ohio.

Some illustrations of Masonic temples adorn the volume of proceedings before us.

M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence. In his introduction he said:

Perhaps the one thing that stands out most prominent and the one thing which casts a dark shadow over an otherwise picture of peace, harmony, good will, and contentment, is the action of the Mother Grand Lodge of England in barring from the lodge rooms of its subordinates those of their own members who were born in those countries which are at war with England. The action of the Grand Lodge is so foreign to every conception of Masonic duty and Masonic teaching, and is so antagonistic to the idea of real Masonic brotherhood, that it shocks us as we contemplate it and the one ray of light is the fact that there were strong, sturdy men, with true Masonic blood coursing through their hearts, that stood bravely forth and sought to prevent the passage of the legislation, but to no avail.

It is to be regretted that Bro. Williams was shocked to such an extent that he forgot to say why the Grand Lodge of England reluctantly decided that Masons born in hostile countries must refrain from visiting English lodges. He knew perfectly well that German members of English lodges persisted in making disturbances, so that harmony was quite out of the question, and it became impossible to transact business. These members were

warned that they must cease their obstructive tactics or remain away from the lodges. With Grand Lodge it became a question of suspending those members from attendance at their lodges or of suffering the disruption of the lodges. Of the two evils they chose the less.

If Bro. Williams does not like patriotism in English lodges neither does he like it in Canadian lodges. He said:

It could not be expected that the addresses of Grand Masters of Canadian Grand Lodges would be free from reference to the war and war conditions, but we are sorry to see so much argument put into the addresses of Grand Masters and so much feeling shown by them in their addresses. It is probably upon the theory that Masonry teaches loyalty to country that this justifies anything that tends to promote or stimulate loyalty to country. But while our Canadian brethren may not know it, and may not believe it, there is undoubtedly a great number of good, conscientious and thoroughly sincere Masons scattered all over the world who do not believe that the morale of the war is all on one side, and there is a far greater number who are absolutely neutral in the matter and who dislike to see Grand Lodges assuming an attitude which cannot help but breed dissension in the craft.

We have no apology to offer for the patriotism which shows itself in Canadian Masonry. If it gives dissatisfaction in the "Over-the-Rhine" districts of Cincinnati and Cleveland, and among those who applaud the murder of women and children, and hold solemn treaties to be "scraps of paper," all we can say is that those who do not like it are not compelled to read it. But what will Bro. Williams do now that the Grand Master of Ohio has granted dispensation to all lodges in Ohio, "in the cause of freedom and human liberty," to hold public meetings "for the purpose of flag-raising and of engaging in patriotic demonstrations in furtherance of the great principles of right and justice for which the United States stands before the whole world?"

Lodges in Ohio 547, including six under dispensation; members 107,039, a gain for the year of 5,854.

Joel C. Clore, Cincinnati, Grand Master.

J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

Ninth annual communication, held, probably at some place in Oklahoma, February 20th, 1917. Arthur James Weir Grand Master.

Before the formal opening of Grand Lodge there was a programme of readings and music by children from the Masonic home; and immediately after the opening brethren of Hugo Lodge presented the Grand Master with a beautiful apron appropriate to his rank.

Soon after the Grand Master began his address he paid a fitting tribute to the flag of the United States, which was upon the platform, when a brother seized the flag and waved it over the head of Bro. Weir; all the members of Grand Lodge sang "America"; and another brother moved, and it was carried unanimously:

Resolved, that the following be added to the edicts of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma:

12. The United States Flag: A part of the paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, and of each of its constituent lodges, shall be a United States flag, of convenient size, which shall be spread upon the altar, and upon which shall rest the Three Great Lights of Masonry.

Of the condition of Masonry in Oklahoma the Grand Master said:

I find the craft all over the state in very good condition, but there is still great room for improvement, and further effort toward more efficient work and a better understanding of our Masonic duties, particularly a more thorough knowledge of Masonic law and usage.

Our order is growing. This year will show an increase of about 1,302 members, and yet it does seem we ought to have had a greater gain during these prosperous times. However, the probability is that the necessary greater activity of increased business has in a measure held men's minds more on business than the good of the order.

Our relations with all other grand jurisdictions have been very pleasant and cordial. All our requests for courtesies of conferring degrees for our benefit have been kindly and courteously complied with, and it has been the pleasure of your Grand Master to reciprocate such fraternal relations.

The death was noted of M. W. Bro. Henry M. Furman, who was Grand Master in 1901.

Four lodges were constituted during the year, and two remained under dispensation.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphry. Referring to a remark in the address of M. W. Bro. Luke, he said:

It appears to the Oklahoma scribe that by-laws applying to all lodges should be prepared by the Grand Lodge and leave blanks to fill in as to time of meeting and in this way the trouble mentioned by the Grand Master would be obviated.

It is not well to interfere too much with the privileges of constituent lodges. The supervision of the Grand Master is exercised for the purpose of assuring himself that the by-laws of lodges do not conflict with the constitution or the regulations of Grand Lodge.

Lodges in Oklahoma 440; members 29,520, a gain for the year of 1,302.

Samuel William Hogan, Cashion, Grand Master.

William Moses Anderson, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Sixty-sixth annual communication held at Albany June 7th, 1916. Frank J. Miller Grand Master.

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges were formally welcomed by the Grand Master, and a felicitous reply was made by M. W. Bro. George H. Burnett, representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

With the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction the Grand Master was fairly satisfied. While, he said, conditions were not ideal, he found the craft dwelling together in friendship and peace, and the lodges were rapidly adopting the standardized work and conforming to the new constitution and by-laws.

He had visited the Grand Lodge of California at its preceding annual communication. The first lodges in Oregon were warranted by that Grand Lodge.

Two lodges had been constituted during the year.

Bro. Miller strongly recommended revision of the system of distributing Masonic benevolence, and the formation of a fund which might become the nucleus of a Masonic home fund. Quite a number of the smaller lodges, the Grand Master said, had exhausted their available funds, and the machinery of Grand Lodge was not properly organized to take up cases of individual need.

An additional grant of \$1,000 had been made to the War Relief Fund. "The consensus of opinion," said the Grand Master, "seems to be that the greatest demand for assistance will come at the close of the war."

Bro. Miller sent out an invitation to all Grand Masters in the United States to attend a conference of Grand Masters in Oregon. Of the fifty-seven invited six favoured the conference, thirty were opposed, seven were uncertain, and fourteen did not reply. The Grand Master felt hurt at the result: he said he had "no fear of the sovereignty of any jurisdiction being invaded or menaced by a continuance of these general conferences." But the other Grand Masters were afraid. Oregon had distinctly proposed a national Grand Lodge: and Bro. Miller went on, in this very address to argue in favour of it. It was but natural for Grand Masters to think that a national Grand Lodge was the object to be sought by the Oregon conference, and they wanted to have nothing to do with it. A national Grand Lodge would be unwieldly and unworkable. It is true that Oregon has now abandoned the name; and the committee on that part of the Grand Master's address proposed "a Grand Masters' and Past Grand Masters' Conference, to be held annually, biennially or quadrennially as future developments shall best suggest, as a clear-

ing house for all matters of interest to the several grand jurisdictions in the United States, Canada and Mexico." The committee added: "We reaffirm our judgment in favour of the creation and establishment of a national Grand Lodge; but we believe that evolution is infinitely better than revolution." Well, the Grand Lodges on this continent do not want either.

When the name of the Rev. J. R. N. Bell was announced as Grand Chaplain for the fortieth consecutive year the brethren rose to their feet, formed in procession, and congratulated the distinguished brother.

Grand Lodge adopted a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence "that each of the subordinate lodges of this grand jurisdiction have the flag of our country on display in the east, and on the left of the Worshipful Master, during all sessions of the lodge."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was from the able pen of M. W. Bro. David P. Mason. Bro. Mason estimated the number of Masons in the United States, at the first of June, 1916, to have been 1,717,165.

Lodges in Oregon 143; members 14,779, a gain for the year of 564.

Will Moore, Pendleton, Grand Master.

James F. Robinson, 388 Yamhill Street, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia February 29th, 1916, for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. W. Bro. George W. Kendrick. Bro. Kendrick was born in 1841, was initiated in 1863, was Grand Master in 1906-1907, and died February 26th 1916.

A quarterly communication was held March 1st, 1916, the proceedings of which are not of general interest.

A quarterly communication was held June 7th, 1916, and again the proceedings were without interest outside of Pennsylvania.

A quarterly communication was held September 6th, 1916.

The Committee on Correspondence, having before it a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, reported that the grand body in question was regularly formed; and that, though all lodges in the island were compelled to close by action of the Spanish government, yet the same lodges, mainly composed of the same men, resumed activity on the occupation of the island by the forces of the United States; and therefore recognition was recommended. The report was adopted by Grand Lodge.

A special committee reported that an employment bureau had been established in the city of Philadelphia, and that a number of Mascons had, through it, secured employment.

At a quarterly communication held December 6th, 1916, the financial statements were submitted. These show values in real property, invested funds and cash amounting to several millions of dollars; but the committee submitted a resolution which recites that the receipts of Grand Lodge are not sufficient to meet its expenditures, owing to increased cost of administration, higher taxes on the temple at Philadelphia, and increased cost of upkeep of the Masonic home, and it is therefore necessary to obtain more revenue, for which purpose lodges throughout the jurisdiction would be required to pay to Grand Lodge \$20 for each initiate or affiliate at the time of joining the lodge. At a later communication the proposal was changed to make the annual dues payable by constituent lodges to Grand Lodge \$3, of which \$2 is to be used for the payment of the debt on the Masonic homes. The proposal, however, went over for future consideration.

The annual grand communication was held at Philadelphia December 27th, 1916. Louis A. Watres, Grand Master.

The Committee on Employment reported that the Employment Bureau had been established on a permanent and efficient basis and was giving excellent results.

In the course of his address the Grand Master made the following statement respecting a brother who was made a Mason in this jurisdiction.

The committee examining his case reported that he was physically disqualified by reason of the partial loss of one of his fingers. Several years thereafter, Brother Robinson moved to Canada. After having lived in Canada some five years, he was made a Mason in Victoria Lodge No. 474. Later, his business called him to our jurisdiction, and he made application for membership therein. The records in the office of the Grand Secretary, showing that he was physically disqualified as above stated, were brought to my attention. Ordinarily, an edict would have been proper. However, after a thorough and exhaustive examination of all the circumstances connected with the case, I became entirely convinced that Brother Robinson was innocent of attempting imposition upon the craft, and I therefore declined to issue an edict, and I also healed the records in his case in the office of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master was of opinion that lodges throughout the jurisdiction were spending too much money for refreshments, and he directed officers of lodges to send to him annually statements of the sums paid for charity on the one hand and for entertainment on the other, showing the numbers present at the entertainments who were members of the lodges and the number who were visitors.

In his concluding remarks Bro. Watres said:

If Freemasonry has been a force in the world, if it has moulded governments, wrought righteousness, builded character, and made men more diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet, if it has brought harmony and beauty and equilibrium into men's lives; if it has done all these things,—and it has, and more—it is not because of any power in and of itself, separate and apart from its fountainhead, and its fountainhead is the Book of the Law. It is because of the recognition of this truth that Freemasonry has withstood the shock of empires and the assault of centuries.

The lamented death of Bro. James M. Lamber-ton left vacant the chairmanship of the Committee

on Correspondence, and the Grand Master asked Bro. Thomas F. Penman to take up the work. The report before us shows that no mistake was made in the selection, for Bro. Penman has done his work with ability and discretion. He set himself the task of telling his brethren in Pennsylvania what Grand Lodges in other jurisdictions were doing, and has little criticism to make. His style is clear and good, and his work is conscientiously done.

Lodges in Pennsylvania 502, an increase of five; members 126,680, a gain for the year of 6,134.

Louis A. Watres, Philadelphia, Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Masonic Temple. Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Fourth annual communication, held at Manila, February 8th, 1916. George R. Harvey Grand Master.

During a considerable part of the year Bro. Harvey was in California, and he left the affairs of the Grand Lodge in the capable hands of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Burton Whitcomb. Unfortunately Bro. Whitcomb was called away by death; and, the Senior Grand Warden, being also absent, the supreme direction of Masonic affairs was for a time in the hands of the Junior Grand Warden.

Two lodges under dispensation had been constituted, and a dispensation granted for the institution of one new lodge.

Relations with the two lodges holding under the grand Lodge of Scotland were harmonious, and fraternal visits were interchanged. While the two lodges remain loyal to their Scottish mother, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has agreed to respect the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and to grant warrants to no new lodges in the islands. With the Grand Orients of Spain and Portugal relations are not cordial, and the Grand

Master thinks that "there is much antagonism and bad feeling to be overcome in order to establish amicable relations" with them. In 1914 a lodge at Manila warranted by the Grand Orient of Portugal, had been declared irregular and clandestine, in the belief that it had been warranted after the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands had been formed. Subsequently it was discovered that the Lusitanian lodge was really older than the regular Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and M. W. Bro. Harvey issued an edict revoking the former pronouncement and declaring the lodge in question to be regular.

A protest had been received from the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines, under Spanish jurisdiction, asserting that the body named had exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands, and that therefore the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was irregularly formed, and that its formation was a "violation of internationally recognized and accepted Masonic law." The protest was referred to a committee. Granting that the Regional Grand Lodge was regularly formed, of which there is doubt, it could not have exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands, because only a sovereign grand lodge can have such jurisdiction.

The Grand Master recommended an amendment of the Constitution, to the effect that no Mason shall be a member of more than one lodge in the jurisdiction at the same time.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented, written by Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary Newton C. Comfort.

Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge six, including one under dispensation; members 701, a gain for the year of 119.

Fifth annual communication, held at Manila February 13th, 1917. William H. Taylor Grand Master.

Representatives of fifty-nine Grand Lodges were received and welcomed by the Grand Master.

In his address Bro. Taylor congratulated the brethren on the fact that they met in their new temple, "one of the most magnificent buildings in the entire far east." The growth of the old lodges was highly satisfactory—about 16 per cent.; while dispensations had been granted for the formation of no less than thirty-two new lodges.

The Spanish lodges and one of the Scotch lodges cast in their lot with the regular Grand Lodge. These lodges were not taken over as going concerns, but their members appear to have petitioned as Master Masons for new dispensations, which were at once granted, and the warrants authorized at the annual communication of Grand Lodge. The work was translated into Spanish for the newly-received lodges; otherwise than in tongue it will be uniform throughout the jurisdiction.

Representatives have been exchanged with the several Grand Lodges that have recognized the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands; and it was resolved that where representatives of grand bodies fail for two years in succession to attend the annual communication their commissions shall be automatically cancelled.

It was resolved to apply for membership in the Washington Memorial Association, and the necessary appropriation for that purpose was made.

The practical consolidation of Masonry in the Philippines was a most important event in Masonic history, and was so regarded by members of the Spanish lodges as well as by those of the regular lodges. The ceremony of constitution and consecration of the new lodges was, says the report, one long to be remembered by those who witnessed it. It adds: "There were those who participated who made a week's journey to have a part in so momentous an event."

The very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by W. Bro. Walter W. Weber, who tells us that he endeavored to avoid controversies, and to incorporate in his review mainly the deeper things of Masonry.

Lodges in the Philippine Islands 38; members 1,839, a gain for the year of 1,138. Of the increase 99 were additions to the old lodges and 1,039 members of the reconstituted lodges.

William Hendrickson Taylor, Manila, Grand Master.

Newton C. Comfort, 510 Masonic Temple, Manila, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Forty-first annual communication, held at Charlottetown June 28th, 1916. James D. Stewart Grand Master.

Naturally the Grand Master's thought turned toward the war and the members of the craft who have offered their services to the country in the hour of her need. He said:

The shadow of the great war still hangs like a pall over our beloved empire; and although we are a hemisphere's breadth removed from the scene of strife, yet month by month, week by week, and day by day some new event, some personal touch comes to remind us that we are a party to this great struggle—that this war is our war, whether we like it or not.

And again he said:

Our own province of Prince Edward Island is also doing its part. Our first provincial unit the 98th Siege Battery, after demonstrating its efficiency in the training camps of England, is now at the front. A few months ago when orders were given that a battalion of infantry should be raised in this province the work was thought by many to be almost an impossible task. Today the 105th Battalion, recruited over strength with the finest young men of the province, is in training at Valcartier camp.

He was particularly glad to say that the chief credit for raising that battalion was due to the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. and Most Worshipful Bro. Fullerton, while the Grand Junior Warden was then present with the colors, and the Deputy Grand Master was chairman of the recruiting committee in Prince County.

The Grand Master presented a list of the members of the craft in the jurisdiction who had volun-

teered for overseas service. Out of a total of 854 Masons no less than 65 had been accepted, and were either "somewhere in France" or were in camp training. M. W. Bro. Stewart is justified in being proud of his jurisdiction.

He was called on to lament the loss by death of two Past Grand Masters: (1) Simon W. Crabbe, who was Grand Master in 1892; and (2) Ronald MacMillan, Grand Master in 1900. He also spoke feelingly of the death of W. Bro. Adam Murray, who was made a Master Mason in 1853; was Master of his lodge in 1859; assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1875; and was continuously active in Masonry until age and infirmity incapacitated him for further service.

Following the practice of his predecessors, Bro. Stewart had visited all the lodges in the jurisdiction.

He recommended that an effort be made to secure perfect uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction by means of lodges of instruction.

The increase of 35 in membership reported by the Grand Secretary, though it appears to be very small in larger jurisdictions, is yet the largest in the history of Grand Lodge.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was recognized.

Lodges in Prince Edward Island 15; ,members 854, a gain for the year of 35. -

A Sterling McKay, Summerside, Grand Master.

W. P. Doull, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary.

Of the new Grand Master the Grand Secretary says that he was born in Prince Edward Island in 1871, "of Scottish parents and Presbyterian theology."

QUEBEC.

Forty-seventh annual communication, held at Montreal February 14th, 1917. Edward A. Evans Grand Master.

The Grand Master recommended a fitting and proper celebration of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England.

Throughout the jurisdiction he said, lodges had not been remiss in continuing the ancient custom of assembling for the purpose of attending Divine service. He had been with them on several occasions.

He had advised M. W. Bro. Luke that Quebec would not hold jurisdiction over a chaplain going overseas with an Ottawa battalion, who, though born in Ontario, had spent eight years at McGill university, Montreal, and whose wife and child were still residing at Montreal.

He thought Grand Lodge ought to fix a minimum number of years as a requisite to life membership in a private lodge.

He noted the death of M. W. Bro. Sir Melbourne M. Tait, who was Grand Master in 1877 and 1878. Of the deceased brother he said: "We shall miss in this Grand Lodge his dignified presence, his personal charm, his wise counsel; and, brethren, it is no exaggeration to say that his death implies a loss to the craft in this province far beyond the loss which the death of any other individual would create."

He recommended grants from the general fund of \$500 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund and of \$2,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, both of which were approved by Grand Lodge.

Of the condition of the craft in Quebec he said:

I honestly believe, that never in the history of this Grand Lodge, have the brethren more faithfully endeavored to carry out, in every detail, the true principles of Masonry, as above so succinctly expressed, and placed before us by our Worshipful Brother Cameron.

Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the year; no contentious questions have been brought before me, and, as will be seen from the various other reports that will be placed before you, our financial and numerical progress has been steady and progressive.

In December, 1914, the Grand Lodge had sent a motor ambulance to the seat of war in France, and the Grand Secretary (R. W. Bro. Will. H. Whyte) had received a letter from an army surgeon saying he had recognized several patients as Masons by their expressions when they read the inscription on the car. He added that he had seen no other motor ambulance marked as having been given by Masons, "though, doubtless, they exist," he said. They certainly do exist, for some have gone from Australia, and two from the Hamilton district in this jurisdiction.

Under the title "The Honour  Roll," Bro. Whyte said:

Returns from the lodges show that 125 additional brethren have donned the khaki, making a roll of over 500 brethren from this province who are doing their bit for king and flag. Of these, twenty more laid down their lives. Proudly, but sadly, we mourn their loss. May the supreme sacrifice our gallant brethren have made, be not made in vain.

M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers submitted his twenty-eighth report on Foreign Correspondence. It is always a pleasure to read the Quebec reports, and that for the year under review is exceptionally good. Besides recording the doings of other grand bodies, Bro. Chambers discusses questions that attract attention in Masonic circles, and he does so with knowledge of his subjects and ability to handle them. Of the so-called York rite he says:

So much has been written in recent years on the subject of the so-called York Rite that it is scarcely necessary to repeat here that that name is a misnomer. Neither at York nor anywhere else in England did the form of the ceremonial so-named originate. It is purely an American adaptation of the ordinary English work, "dressed," as Brother Kuhn, of Missouri, has put it, "in more phantastic clothing." So much for the "York" end of the misnomer. There is just as much objection to the use of the term "rite" in this connection. The word employed should undoubtedly be "ritual." The Masonic "rite" is the same whether the form observed is that employed in England or

in the United States, and the form so employed is the ritual and not the rite itself, which latter is the teaching, the object, the fundamental thing, of which the ritual is the outward form or expression; just as the various rituals employed in different churches in the solemnization of marriage, for instance, are simply the outward form of the rite of marriage.

Lodges in Quebec 66; members 8,491, a gain for the year of 238.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Master.

Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND.

A special communication was held at Brisbane August 10th, 1915, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. M. Hertzberg, who had been re-elected at the previous annual communication. After the installation the Grand Master announced that M. W. Bro. Jones, who had been Deputy Grand Master for six years, did not desire to continue in office, and he had appointed M. W. Bro. Alfred Leney as his Deputy.

During the year two new lodges had been consecrated, and the increase in membership had been 220, making a total membership for the jurisdiction 2,510.

At the regular communication, held in September, a report favoring the granting of a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge in Brisbane was adopted.

It was resolved that any application for recognition of the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France would be favorably received and placed before the Grand Lodge for final decision.

At the regular communication, held in March, 1916, dispensations for two new lodges were authorized.

The Board of General Purposes reported that thirty-seven lodges had contributed £557 12s. 6d.

to the patriotic fund, the other lodges having "not answered or refused."

A. M. Hertzberg, Brisbane, Grand Master.

Charles H. Harley, Brisbane, Grand Secretary.

A quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland (English Register) was held at Brisbane March 7th, 1917, at which the District Grand Master made the following statement:

Following the assurance given by me to the brethren at my installation on 2nd June, 1915, and as soon as practicable after that year had expired, I despatched under date 10th April, 1916, a report upon the condition of Freemasonry in Queensland, especially dealing with the several efforts made to establish a Grand Lodge in this territory, describing, I hope in clear and unmistakable language, these efforts from 1904 to date and their results, giving due prominence to the exact situation of Masonic affairs generally in Queensland, and outlining what in my opinion are the respective aspirations of the several Masonic bodies.

I endeavoured also to forecast the probable effect of the establishment of a Grand Lodge by the regular Scottish and English lodges here, also pointing out the existing disability of non-intervisitation between the regular and unrecognized lodges.

I respectfully asked consideration of the position as it now stands, by, and the advice or direction of, Most Worshipful the Grand Master towards some definite constitutional action by me in order to meet the wishes of those who desire to go, while conserving the rights of those who prefer to remain.

Prominence is also given to the fact that the heads of the Scottish and English districts in Queensland meet and consult regularly, are in perfect harmony, and that they wish to continue to act in fraternal accord and in strict consonance with the views of their respective Grand Lodge authorities.

A sympathetic interim reply has been received under date 16th August, 1916, advising that Grand Lodge of England is consulting Grand Lodge of Scotland, and judging by a letter dated 5th October, 1916, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Scottish District Grand Masters here, the Scottish authority appears to be similarly sympathetic, but action is deferred pending the Scottish District Grand Lodges resolving whether or no they still wish a Grand Lodge for Queensland, to be established by the regular Scottish and English lodges.

I understand that a resolution, as explained, was submitted by Right Worshipful Brother T. S. Burstow, and duly carried by the District Grand Lodges of Scotland (Southern Division), on the 12th February last, and Right Worshipful Brother the Hon. E. D. Miles will take an early opportunity of submitting a similar resolution to the District Grand Lodge under his rule.

When the necessary authority is received from Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the rights of our absent brethren will require to be equitably considered before a vote is again taken on the question.

RHODE ISLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Providence November 15th, 1915. Reuben S. Bemis Grand Master.

An officer in the United States navy was accepted as a candidate and received the first and second degrees, when he was charged with embezzlement, tried by a naval court martial and convicted. The Master of his lodge assumed that he would be objected to if he presented himself for the Master Mason degree, and enquired of the Grand Master if he should return to the candidate the whole or any part of the money he had paid for the three degrees. The Grand Master replied that the money for the third degree should be refunded, and that, the candidate, not having signed the by-laws of the lodge, had no standing in the lodge. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, recommended that charges against the brother in question ought to be preferred by the Junior Warden of his lodge, and that the proportion of the fee for the third degree should be refunded. That is right. No man should be deprived of any privilege in Masonry except after a fair trial and opportunity given to prove his innocence.

The death was noted of Cyrus Manchester Van Slyck, who was Grand Master in 1897 and 1898.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Providence May 15th, 1916. Reuben S. Bemis Grand Master.

At the previous meeting of Grand Lodge the use of identification cards was made mandatory in

Rhode Island. The Grand Master said no complaints had reached him, and the system appeared to be working smoothly and serving its purpose.

He recommended that the Masonic clothing of the Grand Master (and presumably that of other officers of Grand Lodge) be made to conform to that of the corresponding officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

He recommended relaxation of the requirement as to physical qualifications of candidates.

A bronze tablet had been placed, during the year, on the Board of Trade building, which had been restored to its original condition. It was in this building that the first lodge and the first bodies of other grades of Masonry were organized.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that recognition of the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France be indefinitely postponed.

Lodges in Rhode Island 37; members 9,466, a gain for the year of 272.

Wilbur A. Scott, Providence, Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Tenth annual communication held at Swift Current June 21st, 1916. William Murray Thomson Grand Master.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Mayor of Swift Current and by V. W. Bro. W. A. McPhail on behalf of the Masons of the city.

By the kindness of R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, Grand Secretary of British Columbia, a greeting was received from brethren, members of a British Columbia battalion, who held an informal Masonic meeting in the trenches in Belgium, and who sent "good wishes and fraternal regards of

those brethren who are deprived of the advantages of lodge meetings, but who have not forgotten their Masonic relationship."

The Grand Master began his address by calling attention to the phenomenal growth of the Province of Saskatchewan during the previous decade. In 1905, he said, the population of the infant province was 195,000, while the figures for 1915 showed approximately 700,000 souls. The growth of Masonry had been much greater proportionately than the growth of population. In 1906 the Grand Lodge was formed, with 29 lodges and about 900 members. In 1915 there were 125 lodges, having a total membership of more than 7,000.

Five lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations had been issued for the formation of ten new lodges.

Before December 31st, 1915, more than five hundred Masons in Saskatchewan had enlisted for overseas service, and that number had been largely increased at the time Grand Lodge assembled.

The Grand Master had ruled that it was not permissible to pass the collection plate around the lodge room when the candidate was standing at the north-east angle. Also that he had no authority to sanction the issuing of Masonic certificates to Masons enlisting for overseas service.

Nearly \$2,500 had been paid by constituent lodges for Masonic relief, but there had been no calls on the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give evidence of very faithful visitation and inspection of all lodges, and also of the prosperous condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell again submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. He modestly admits that it is a good report; but explains that statement by saying that there is little of his own matter in it—"practically no criticism and no re-

marks." Well, it would be none the worse if there were more original matter in it, for Bro. Gorrell is a good writer and a judicious critic.

Lodges in Saskatchewan 122, including seven under dispensation; members 7,117, a gain for the year of 346.

J. H. Anderson, Saskatoon, Grand Master.

W. B. Tate, Regina, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Edinburgh August 3rd, 1916. Col. R. King Stewart Grand Master.

The death was noted of Sir Charles Dalrymple, Past Grand Master.

An amendment of the constitution was adopted which provides proper enquiry into the qualifications of candidates, and for proper time between reception of the petition and the balloting. Three black balls exclude a candidate; but lodges in the colonies may enact that two black balls exclude.

As in England, it was found necessary to preserve the peace of the lodges against unseemly interruptions by members of alien enemy birth or nationality; and the following resolutions were adopted, due notice having been given:

1. That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of alien enemy birth or nationality, should not, during the continuance of the war, and until Grand Lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed, shall otherwise determine, attend any meeting of, or authorized by, Grand Lodge, or any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or daughter lodge, and that such brethren be, and they are hereby, required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance.

That during the period of non-attendance, in obedience to the resolution, such brethren shall be exempted from any annual contribution which may become due.

2. That for constitutional and broad Masonic reasons Grand Lodge is not prepared to sever altogether Masonic ties with alien enemy lodges or brethren, being of opinion that

justice cannot be done to such a vital question until after peace shall have been restored.

Under certain conditions members of alien and enemy birth or nationality may be exempted from the exclusion.

Sums aggregating £600 were granted to various war funds.

A quarterly communication was held at Edinburgh November 2nd, 1916, at which no business of general interest was transacted.

The annual communication was held at Edinburgh November 30th, 1916.

Col. Robert Gordon Gordon Gilmour of Craigmillar, having been unanimously elected Grand Master, was duly installed. In a brief address after installation the Grand Master said:

The following is a brief statement of the progress of Scottish Freemasonry during the past year, and the present position of Grand Lodge. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 11,613 new members as compared with 8,963 last year. The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £10,033 as against £8,273 in the previous year—an increase of £1,760. In 1915 the income of Grand Lodge was £8,273, and the expenditure £6,494. This year the income is £10,033, and the expenditure £5,604. During 1916 the grants from the Benevolent Fund have amounted to £793. The sum of £2,930 has been paid to our Annuitants this year, and, since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889, the sum of £50,600 has been disbursed in this direction. The amount contributed this year to the fund by daughter lodges amounted to £1,849, as compared with £1,736 last year, and for the eighteen years, 1899 to 1916, the subscriptions have amounted to £21,982. The sum of £700 has been donated this year by Grand Lodge to the following War Relief Funds: £200 British Red Cross Society (Scottish Branch); £100, Fund for Scottish Military Prisoners in Germany; £100, Royal Flying Corps Hospital; £100, Sailors' Fund; £100, Y. M. C. A. Hut Fund; £100, Lord Provost of Edinburgh's Fund for supplying comforts to Scottish regiments. The sum of £2,213, 16s. 4d. has been contributed by Provincial Grand Lodges, lodges, etc., to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

The funds and other property of Grand Lodge amounted to £175,418. Four lodges had been constituted during the year.

A quarterly communication was held at Edinburgh February 1st, 1917. The business transacted was of local interest only.

Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge 845, of which 454 are in Scotland; members probably about 100,000.

Colonel Robert Gordon Gordon Gilmour of Craigmillar, Grand Master.

David Reid, 96 George Street, Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at Adelaide October 20th, 1915. Sir Samuel J. Way Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes reported that a sum of £575 had been raised and transmitted to England for the purchase of a motor ambulance for service of the British army in the field. Of the amount Grand Lodge had contributed £50, and donations had been received from each lodge in the state and from individual brethren.

Less than three months later the Grand Lodge had the great misfortune to lose its Grand Master, Sir Samuel James Way, who died on the 8th of January, 1916. Bro. Way had been Grand Master for twenty-five years and Pro Grand Master for five years. A lodge of sorrow was held at Adelaide February 3rd, 1916.

The annual communication was held at Adelaide April 19th, 1916. E. B. Grundy Pro Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary had received a letter from a colonel on board a transport carrying troops to the seat of war saying that an informal Masonic lodge was held on the ship; and the Pro Grand Master said that "there was something splendid and glorious in the idea that soldiers going into battle for their country, all men of Australia, believed so

deeply in our institution that they must needs meet together on board ship and form a lodge." History has told us how those men carried themselves when they reached the firing line.

The Board of General Purposes reported that nearly three hundred members of the craft had volunteered for overseas service, and they had been exempted from lodge dues during the term of their service.

The report on the Proceedings and the Reports of Sister Grand Lodges was submitted by a committee which divided the work among its members. Canada has kindly consideration from the able pen of Bro. C. J. Stevens.

Lodges in South Australia 77; members at the end of 1915, 5,875, an increase for the year of 155.

Eustace B. Grundy, K.C., Adelaide, Grand Master.

Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

One hundred and fortieth annual communication, held at Charleston, December 12th, 1916. R. A. Cooper Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

It is very gratifying that I am able to report to you that harmony has prevailed throughout this grand jurisdiction during the past year and that our subordinate lodges, as a rule, are enjoying peace and financial prosperity. The state of the craft is such as to cause genuine rejoicing throughout the jurisdiction.

Some years ago a fund was started in South Carolina for the purpose of building a Masonic home, and this has grown to the very respectable proportions of \$122,641. Pending the erection of buildings the Grand Lodge has been relieving necessitous brethren and their dependents in a casual way, and this method has worked so satisfactorily that those prominent in the craft have come to

think that it is better to make it permanent rather than invest their money in lands and houses. The Grand Master said:

A great deal has been said on the floor of this Grand Lodge during the past several years with reference to the work of our Masonic Home Trustees and our method of dispensing charity. I am more and more convinced each year that the plan which we have adopted temporarily should be made permanent.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address hoped the idea of building a home would be abandoned; the trustees of the home fund followed suit; and in the end the Grand Lodge decided to continue the existing system, which is substantially that followed so satisfactorily in this jurisdiction.

Five lodges were constituted and consecrated during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

The Grand Master refused to approve applications to issue circular letters to subordinate lodges asking aid to rebuild or refurnish lodge rooms destroyed by fire. He was right; it is the duty of lodges to have their property insured against loss by fire.

In reply to a letter from the Grand Master of Oregon, Bro. Cooper said that he would gladly attend a conference of Grand Masters; but he was opposed to any scheme for a General Grand Lodge, and he was sure that was the sentiment throughout South Carolina.

A committee appointed at the previous annual communication reported that, while the date of the organization of the first Masonic lodge in South Carolina could not be exactly determined, it was certain that a grand lodge existed in the province at "some time prior to December 27, 1737." In 1736 the Grand Lodge of England granted a deputation to John Hammerton "to be Provincial Grand Master of South Carolina"; and a local paper recorded the fact that, on St. John the Evangelist's day, 1737, "all the members of the ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in this place (Charleston) met at Mr. Seaman's,

Master of Solomon's Lodge, from whence they proceeded, all properly clothed, under the sound of French horns, to wait on James Graeme, Esq., Provincial Grand Master, at his house in Broad Street, where they were received by all the members of the Grand Lodge." That, of course, was a Provincial Grand Lodge. The independent Grand Lodge of South Carolina was formed, apparently on the 27th of December, 1777, by resolution of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. J. L. Michie contributed his seventh report on Correspondence; and when we say that Bro. Michie wrote it, that is equivalent to a statement that it is good. Of the rulings of M. W. Bro. McPherson, of this jurisdiction, he said:

In No. 1 he held that he had no authority to sanction the issue of a certificate printed in English, French and German to a brother going to the front, showing that the owner thereof was a member of our fraternity. Such a certificate, printed in English alone, signed by the warrant officers and secretary of a lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary under seal of the Grand Lodge, is very common in the United States and absolutely required of a visitor in many jurisdictions. This being so, we cannot see on what grounds Grand Master McPherson can base his opinion that he had no authority to "sanction the issue" of such a certificate printed in three languages.

Now, in the first place, each candidate initiated into Masonry in this jurisdiction is entitled to and receives a Grand Lodge certificate of membership, signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge. But the certificate in question is a special war certificate that the bearer is a Mason, and bespeaking for him the kindly offices of Masons in case the accidents of war shall make brotherly assistance necessary. The Grand Master in this jurisdiction is clothed with certain powers, privileges and prerogatives, specifically enumerated in the constitution; but the sanctioning of such a certificate is not one of them. The Grand Master further has all the "powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom." But here again he seems to have found no warrant for giving his official sanction to the certificate, and

he "decided with regret" that he had no power to do that which he would like to do.

But the certificates are issued. R. W. Bro. Ponton, in his report on the Condition of Masonry for the same year, said:

The presentation of parchment certificates, printed in English, French and German, to the members who have enlisted, carefully guarded against loss, appears to have been almost universal, and is sure in emergency or distress to be an advantage.

Lodges in South Carolina 268; members 17,397, an increase for the year of 617.

R. A. Cooper, Laurens, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Forty-second annual communication, held at Sioux Falls June 7th, 1916. Marshall R. Brown Grand Master.

There were addresses of welcome from the brethren of Sioux Falls, to which suitable response was made.

The Grand Master announced that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and fraternal relations with other grand lodges were undisturbed.

A dispensation had been granted to form one new lodge. Later in the session Grand Lodge authorized the granting of a warrant to the new lodge.

The Grand Master had made but one ruling, which was, "That a lodge cannot levy an assessment for any purpose." The Committee on Jurisprudence sympathized with the view of the Grand Master, but found that other Grand Masters had ruled that assessments might be levied. To settle the matter the committee recommended that it be referred to the committee on by-laws.

Bro. Thomas Sterling represented the Grand Master at the meeting of the George Washington

Memorial Association, and the Grand Lodge of South Dakota has subscribed for six memberships in the association.

The Committee on the Grand Charity Fund made a very full report of its findings. The following is the substance of its recommendations:

Your committee is unanimously of the opinion that the Grand Charity Fund should be set aside as a permanent endowment fund to be added to but never subtracted from for any purpose, and that the income from the fund invested should be devoted to the relief of distressed worthy brethren, their widows and orphans as supplementary to what the lodge properly chargeable with such relief may be able to do.

The committee after a somewhat careful examination of the laws and regulations of other Grand Lodges in relation to relief, and a careful analysis of the workings of Masonic homes in different jurisdictions are convinced that the wise course to pursue at this time is to preserve the Grand Charity Fund intact, not allowing it to be diverted under any pretext to the buying, building or maintaining any institution whatever under the control or patronage of this Grand Lodge.

After a careful examination of the methods of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in carrying on the work of benevolence, your committee is unanimously of the opinion that the plan they have adopted is the best solution of the problems presented which has come to the knowledge of any member of this committee, and we unhesitatingly recommend that it be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The system of Iowa is identical with that of this grand jurisdiction. The report of the committee was adopted, and a plan for regulating details will be presented by the Committee on By-laws at the next annual communication.

The very full and able report on correspondence was again presented by M. W. Bro. Samuel A. Brown.

Lodges in South Dakota 143; members 11,688, an increase of 545.

James Roane, Yankton, Grand Master.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

The half-yearly communication was held at Hobart August 25th, 1916. Sir William Ellison-Macartney Grand Master.

There was little business of interest to brethren outside of Tasmania. A sum of £700 had been invested in the war loan.

At the preceding annual communication Grand Lodge had been adjourned from the 24th of February to the 17th of March, and on the day last named had been re-convened and finished the deferred business and no other. Subsequently the question was raised whether Grand Lodge had power to adjourn. The Grand Master considered the question from every side, at considerable length, and with marked ability. In the end he reached the conclusion that there was nothing in the constitution of Tasmania forbidding adjournment, nor anything in the ancient practices and customs of Masons making it wrong; and that, Grand Lodge being an independent and sovereign body, it had power to do anything not expressly forbidden. It was competent for it to adjourn rather than "call off" or to call a special communication for the transaction of the unfinished business. And that view will probably meet with general approval.

Steps were being taken to prepare and preserve a roll of honor of Masons who had volunteered for active service in the war.

There are thirty-one lodges in Tasmania; number of members not given.

Sir William Ellison-Macartney, Hobart, Grand Master.

John Hamilton, Hobart, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

One hundred and third annual communication held at Nashville January 31st, 1917. Charles Barham Grand Master.

Bro. Barham was called upon to report the death of one Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Caswell A. Goodloe, who had been more than fifty years a Mason. He was Grand Master in 1887.

In the matter of visits we fancy that the Grand Master is a record breaker. There are about 460 lodges in Tennessee, and he had visited 314 of them, some of them more than once, so that he had made no less than 327 official visits. He was ably supported by the Grand Secretary, who accompanied him 289 times. The Grand Master at one time hoped that he might be able to visit all the lodges in the state, but regretfully concluded that he must leave something for his successor to do.

Evidently there was very much for his successor to do; for Bro. Barham reported the lodges to be in bad shape. Scarcely any instruction had been received by officers of lodges. "Not one lodge but perhaps a hundred cannot tell when, if ever, a District Lecturer sat in their halls or taught their membership." And he added:

What is the result? Our border lodges have a mixture of the work of two or more states, and even at times, as I also have seen, the work of another state in its entirety. There are differences between the work actually in use in Tennessee possibly greater than those existing between the adopted work of any two grand jurisdictions. On one occasion during the year, in the conferring of a degree, I heard the recitation of Thanatopsis and of Hamlet's soliloquy, with speeches on the glories of the American flag, the life and character of George Washington, and a long and tragic lamentation of unknown origin—all beautiful in themselves and beautifully done, but all wholly out of place. Our laxness breeds innovators and encourages innovations until we endanger the very lessons we teach.

He urgently counseled that energetic measures should be taken to correct the evils and to secure correctness and uniformity of work.

He recommended observance of the bi-centenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

Five lodges had been constituted during the year, and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

Occasional cases of need among Masons are dealt with in Tennessee by a General Masonic Relief Commission. This commission reported that contributions to its funds were not sufficient for its needs, and that applications were made for relief which did not come within the scope of its powers. As to the first the commission asked lodges throughout the state for a contribution of five cents per member, which would have netted about \$1,400. The report said: "Imagine our disappointment . . . We expected \$1,400: we received \$553.85." On the other hand, as to the unreasoning and unreasonable demands made upon the commission, the report said: "Some brother has lost a mule, and the commission is asked to supply the means of purchasing another. We do not understand that this is at all the intent for which this commission has been appointed."

M. W. Bro. Henry A. Chambers again contributed a good report on Foreign Correspondence. In his introductory remarks he favored relaxation in the regulations as to physical requirements. Of Masonic homes he said that while Grand Masters in jurisdictions which maintained homes were loud in their praise, yet "the needs of the institutions and for money to run them are urgent and insistent. The demands for help are far in excess of the financial supply." He thought that "the sentiment in favor of requiring proper documentary evidence on the part of proposed visitors before examination is steadily growing in most of the grand jurisdictions."

Lodges in Tennessee 463; members 29,258, a gain for the year of 958.

John T. Peeler, Huntingdon, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Eighty-first annual communication, held at Waco December 5th, 1916. Dan S. McMillin Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors were received in the persons of Past Grand Masters Nelson Williams, of Ohio; Henry Banks, of Georgia; and Harry K. Simpson, of the District of Columbia.

In opening his address the Grand Master said:

The history of Masonry in Texas is the history of Texas, because those who were foremost in making Texas a free country, making it what it was, what it is, and what it is destined to be, also planted Masonry in Texas. Many of her most noted soldiers, statesmen and jurists have occupied the prominent positions in the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge of Texas and directed its destinies with the same intelligence and patriotism displayed in the formation and guidance of the new republic and state, and leading to the great success it has now attained and the even greater success which no Mason doubts it will attain in the future.

Masonry in Texas, said Bro. McMillin, was never in a more flourishing condition; peace reigned throughout the jurisdiction, and relations with all other jurisdictions were harmonious.

He lamented the loss by death of M. W. Bro. James Harvey McLeary, who was Grand Master in 1880.

In March, 1916, there was a disastrous fire at Paris, Texas, and Bro. McMillin at once sent a circular to the lodges throughout the state asking for assistance. The result was most gratifying, for subscriptions to the amount of \$5,594 were promptly forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the relief of the sufferers.

Twelve lodges were constituted during the year: and dispensations were issued for the formation of two new lodges.

Permission had been given to initiate a man who had lost the first joint of the second toe of his left foot; but refusal awaited the man who had two fingers of his left hand grown together, with only one nail between the two.

Through some misunderstanding the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, organized in 1906, was never recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Texas officials think Saskatchewan never asked for recognition: the Saskatchewan officials think they did. Be that as it may, there was failure to get together. The mistake has now been corrected, and Texas gives full recognition, with exchange of representatives to the prairie province.

M. W. Bro. George W. Tyler submitted his fifth report on Correspondence. Of M. W. Bro. McPherson's address to the Grand Lodge of Canada Bro. Tyler said:

The Grand Master's tribute to the Canadian brethren and soldiers at the front, to the sweet and noble women of the Red Cross, and to the great purpose of the Imperial government of Great Britain to restore and preserve the liberties of all peoples was eloquent and touching. The grandson of a soldier at Waterloo, his own sons now in the trenches in Flanders, who has better right to speak than Grand Master McPherson? He appropriately closes with a recital of the Lord's prayer, which, in the light of his patriotic address, yields a new interpretation and a new sublimity.

Of the grants for benevolent purposes in this jurisdiction he said:

More than 450 persons, mostly widows and soldiers' wives, received nearly \$39,000.00 from the Benevolence Fund during the year, which, with the Belgian relief fund, aggregated over \$84,000.00. And this does not include the contributions of the lodges, which amounted to \$19,000.00, thus totaling some \$103,000.00. Besides, there were a number of special benefactions made, such as hospital ambulances, etc. Such a showing is creditable and we are proud of our Canadian brethren. And this does not sound to us like "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

Bro. Tyler felt constrained (we fear by physical ailment) to retire from the chairmanship of the Correspondence Committee. This is a distinct loss to the Grand Lodge of Texas, and will be much regretted by all members of the "Round Table." He wrote with ability, with sound judgment and with much discretion.

Lodges in Texas 892; members 68,324, a gain for the year of 2,515.

Frank C. Jones, Houston, Grand Master.

W. B. Pears, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Forty-sixth annual communication, held at Salt Lake City January 16th, 1917. Charles Clifton Griggs, Grand Master.

Immediately after the formal opening the Grand Master called upon the Grand Orator, Bro. John F. Carver, for an address, and it was really an instructive and admirable address. It was filled with valuable Masonic information, carefully arranged, and is worthy of more than passing attention. Grand Orators generally would do well to study Bro. Carver's methods.

The Grand Master said that relations with all foreign jurisdictions continued to be friendly.

He had constituted two lodges during the year.

He had personally visited each lodge in the jurisdiction, with a single exception; and in the one case the lodge was visited by the Deputy Grand Master.

He commended the action of a lodge in maintaining and educating for eleven years an orphan boy, the son of a Mason; and of another for doing the like for a young lady, who, said the Grand Master, "is now an accomplished teacher in one of the schools of the state."

He recommended the appointment annually of a Grand Historian, which recommendation was approved by Grand Lodge.

He had decided that the loss of the first joints of the fingers of the right hand does not debar a candidate; that acceptance of the position of tyler does not deprive a member of the right to ballot on petitions or to vote for the election of officers; and that any brother who has regularly served as Worshipful Master of a lodge under dispensation is a Past Master; but the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that a brother who has not served as Worshipful Master of a warranted lodge "is not a Past Master as contemplated by the constitution and by-laws of this Grand Lodge." The report of the Committee was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Correspondence reported against recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama for the reasons that "the lodges named as forming the Grand Lodge of Panama do not directly or indirectly derive from the mother Grand Lodge of England; that such authority as they, and the Grand Lodge organized by them, may have, come from the Columbian Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, neither of which Grand Lodges is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Utah. There is the further consideration that lodges have been chartered and constituted in the Canal Zone by a Grand Lodge with which we are in fraternal relations, namely, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

The first reason is probably founded on fact and good in Masonic practice; but the second should be accepted with caution. The Grand Lodge of Utah recognized the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, notwithstanding that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had chartered and constituted lodges in the Islands, and the Grand Lodge of Utah was at the time in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Lodges in Utah 20; members 2,605, a gain for the year of 132.

Charles Fred. Jennings, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

Freeman A. McCarty, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

One hundred and twenty-third annual communication, held at Burlington June 13th, 1916. Charles H. Darling Grand Master.

At the opening of his address the Grand Master noted a great loss the craft in Vermont had sustained by the death of Marsh O. Perkins, who was Grand Master in 1885 and 1886, and who had been chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and writer of its reports, for twenty

eight years. The Committee on Necrology said of him: "When such a one falls all are losers. His influence can never be wholly lost, and may he leave the world better than he found it; but his activities have ceased, and the loss is irreparable."

The Grand Master said: "Harmony has prevailed among the workmen in the temple, and the work has gone on with fervency and zeal." He added that the quality of the work had been better and the character of the meetings on a higher plane than formerly; the lodge rooms better and more tastily adorned; an increased number of lodges owned the buildings in which they met.

He favoured the formation of a stronger charity fund, the income from which will suffice for all ordinary benevolent grants. The beginning of such a fund had been made, and he proposed to continue the work, and not to endeavour to establish a Masonic home. He said:

On careful consideration this method seems more practicable and useful than the establishment of a Masonic home. Men are often suddenly and temporarily overwhelmed financially by accident or temporary sickness, either to themselves or to their families, when a Masonic home can afford no relief; while the income of a substantial endowment fund will take care of all such cases, as well as assist the permanently poor and enfeebled. This can be done much more economically and more satisfactorily than similar work can be done at a Masonic home. So let us treat it as established that the administration of our charities shall take on the form of the income of a permanent fund rather than a Masonic home. Such income should not be used until the fund reaches at least \$50,000, and I hope to see the amount at least twice that sum within a reasonable time. This fund now having been started and firmly established, gifts, contributions and bequests, large and small, are earnestly solicited from all those that are interested in Masonic charity.

Bro. Darling concluded his address in this fashion:

And so, my brethren, officers, men and leaders change but Masonry goes on.

Hold fast to your best traditions.

Maintain your standards.

Preserve the ancient landmarks.

My mind shall wander back meanwhile to the journey up the line—days of comradeship and love, now a treasured memory, soon but a name, then the asterisk and the end.

The report of the Committee on Grievances was most satisfactory. It said: "For the fifth consecutive year your Grievance Committee are able to report that no business has been presented for their consideration."

M. W. Bro. Kittredge Haskins was appointed by the Grand Master to write the report on Correspondence, and it is evident that the selection was well made. Bro. Haskins has the correct idea of the Correspondent's duty. He said:

In writing this review I have endeavoured to condense as much as possible, and at the same time to give the readers of this report an insight into the doings of other grand jurisdictions in comparison with our own. I have striven not to adversely criticize the work of others, and have only occasionally ventured to inject into it personal opinions of my own.

Lodges in Vermont 103; members 14,241, a gain for the year of 186.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Master.

Frank A. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

One hundred and thirty-ninth annual communication, held at Richmond February 13th, 1917. James Alston Cabell Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Henry Banks, Past Grand Master of Georgia, was among the visitors.

The Grand Master was in the fortunate position of being able to say that during the year no officer or past officer of Grand Lodge, and no Master of any lodge in the state, had been taken by the hand of death.

Though he had been very careful to grant no dispensation to form a new lodge, unless the need of it was clearly proved and the prospects good, he had authorized the formation of three lodges.

He had endeavoured to get into personal touch with the craft throughout the jurisdiction, and had visited seventy-seven lodges in various parts of the state, with results that gave him much encouragement. The district meetings had been particularly productive of good results.

He had declined two requests of lodges to attend the services of a popular evangelist as a Masonic body and in regalia, as it was not a Masonic occasion. He had also refused to permit the laying of corner stones on Sunday, "as it is work, and should not be done on a legal Sabbath."

He advocated the establishment of an employment bureau in each of the cities of the state.

In reply to the Grand Master of West Virginia, Bro. Cabell stated his position on the subject of Masonic jurisdiction as follows:

The grand jurisdiction of Virginia has always claimed territorial jurisdiction over profane material who have acquired actual residence in Virginia, even as against the claim of perpetual jurisdiction asserted by other jurisdictions over their rejected material. We have always exercised sovereignty over our own lodges, and over all Masons sojourning in our territory. Therefore, we do not and cannot recognize any claim of other jurisdictions in conflict with our long-established rights, which were, and had been for a long time, in existence when the grand jurisdiction of West Virginia was a part of this grand jurisdiction.

The Committee on Work held sessions morning, afternoon and evening for three days before the assembling of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of exemplifying the ritual, the whole of which was repeatedly demonstrated for the benefit of the brethren.

M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston presented the full and valuable report on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. Eggleston said:

We courteously suggest that Brother Freed look over our last year's (1916) foreword, and see that we did not "appears to think" that the York Grand Lodge of all England and the Ancients, or Atholl, Grand Lodge were the same. We purposely ignored the former on account of its ephemeral career, and discussed only Ancients and Moderns, the former of which claimed succession to York.

What Bro. Eggleston said in 1916 was this:

These seceding bodies (the lodges which seceded from the Grand Lodge of England) formed the Grand Lodge of "Ancient York Masons," or "Grand Lodge of All England," and were also called the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. They claimed to be the legitimate successors of what they called the Grand Lodge at York.

Not for the purposes of controversy, which we dislike, and which seldom does good, but for the purpose of putting a few historic facts before our readers, we reproduce the principal incidents relating to the formation of the so-called Ancient Grand Lodge and of the alleged Grand Lodge at York.

1. As to the former—it was formed in London in 1751 by lodges which seceded from the regular Grand Lodge. It styled itself "The Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions." It was not formed by any Masonic body in York, nor had it any connection, direct or indirect, with York Masonry. It had no Masonic documents emanating from York. Undoubtedly its members claimed (at least for a time) descent from the fabulous York body said to have been assembled by Prince Edwin. But Hughan says:

The York Masons who revived their Grand Lodge in 1751 had never any dealings with the "Ancients," and consequently the latter had no right to style themselves "Ancient York Masons." The York Grand Lodge never warranted any lodges out of England, and so the lodges chartered in the United States by the "Atholl Masons" were not A. Y. M. (Ancient York Masons) but "Ancient" or "Atholl Masons."

2. The old lodge at York existed from "time immemorial." It is pretty certain that it was in existence in 1630, and again in 1704. In 1725 it declared itself to be a Grand Lodge, and called itself the Grand Lodge of All England, which the Ancients never did. It appears to have been inactive from 1730 till 1751, and from that time maintained a precarious existence till 1792, when it died a natural death. It had little influence on Masonry in England, and none at all outside of England. There is no Masonry in existence which can trace its descent from any lodge or grand lodge in York,

or from any system of York Masonry. In fact, there is no such thing as York Masonry.

Lodges in Virginia 328; members 26,027, a gain for the year of 493.

Henry K. Field, Alexandria, Grand Master.

Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Fifty-ninth annual communication, held at Tacoma June 13th, 1916. Robert L. Sebastian Grand Master.

On behalf of the brethren of Tacoma W. Bro. Earl A. Richardson welcomed the Grand Master and the members of Grand Lodge to the city in a most eloquent address, which was suitably answered on behalf of Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. Alonzo E. Emerson, the Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master was called on to report the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Robert Crosby Hill, who was born in 1829, was Grand Master in 1877, and 1878, and died May 10th, 1916, at the age of 87.

There had been but one slight ripple to disturb domestic tranquility, foreign relations were harmonious, and the craft had made good progress during the year.

Respecting rulings or decisions Bro. Sebastian said:

I made no decisions, and for this reason: The decision field has been rather well covered, and such questions as were presented to me could, in most cases, be answered by referring the enquirer to our code. A decision, in my opinion, should be on an absolutely new point, and none such came up to me during the year.

Six lodges had been constituted during the year; dispensations had been granted for the formation of eight new lodges, and one lodge remained under dispensation.

Of the Past Master's degree, as communicated in Washington, the Grand Master said that it was

not "in keeping with the dignity of our institution." And he added:

A Masonic gathering is no place for buffoonery. It is with a positive shock that some Masters witness the conferring of the degree, for the methods only too frequently followed are totally at variance with their ideas of things Masonic.

There is not the slightest need for buffoonery in communicating the Past Master's degree. It is reasonably certain that there was none in the ceremony as described by Anderson in the first book of Constitutions; and there is none in it as it is worked in many jurisdictions today. The buffoonery is one of the "innovations" which have no proper place in Masonry.

The Committee on Correspondence reported against recognition of the Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, and the report was adopted.

A protest from the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the same Islands was ordered filed. It was held that the protesting body was not an independent grand body, and had no original jurisdiction in the Philippine Islands.

The Masonic home had an average of forty-eight inmates, of whom nine were children. The estimated expense for the present year is \$13,500, and a further sum of nearly \$30,000 is needed for new buildings and furnishings. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the per capita tax was increased 25 cents, for the purpose of erecting the new buildings required.

M. W. Bro. R. C. McAllaster again submitted the report on Correspondence. He retained the system of dealing with topics rather than with Grand Lodges. The report is short, but good, and well presents the sayings of rulers in the craft, rather than the doings of grand bodies.

Lodges in Washington 205, including nine under dispensation; members 21,698, a gain of 974 for the year.

George R. Malcolm, Walla Walla, Grand Master.

Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication was held at Boulder July 22nd, 1915. Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master.

The thought of the Grand Master was very much with those (and especially with the brethren) who had volunteered to serve the empire in the theatre of war. He said that the state had nobly answered the call for men and money. And he added:

There is every need why we should keep our order strong and flourishing now, for we want self-control enough not to let passion make us forget that we are men, and not to permit us to do the things which have been done by the ruthless, relentless and remorseless enemy. We want to save where we can, that we may be able to give relief to those of our members who suffer by the war; and at a time when lying and spying seem to have paid we want to show that in the long run truth is great and will prevail.

In the future, too, when, as I feel sure, society will, after this great upheaval, be formed on a very different basis to the present foundation of selfishness, our society and the truths it enforces will be more needed than ever.

In place of the gospel of hate we want the brotherhood of man; instead of the idea of "frightfulness" we want relief, as far as possible, from all unnecessary pain, suffering and agony; and instead of the system of lying and spying and breaking of the plighted word, and the tearing up of treaties intended to restrain, we want to speak every man—truth with his neighbour!

The warrant of a lodge had been suspended because of unmasonic language used by the Worshipful Master and of an attempt to ascertain which member of a lodge had cast a black ball; but, on submission and apology being made, the warrant was restored.

At a quarterly communication held October 28th, 1915, the business was of local interest only.

At a quarterly communication held January 27th, 1916, announcement was made that Christ-

mas greetings had been sent to all brethren serving in the Australian forces; also that a sum, subsequently increased to £154, had been forwarded to England for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Archbishop Riley was re-elected Grand Master.

The annual communication was held at Perth April 27th, 1916.

The Grand Master announced that for the fourteenth successive year the books of Grand Lodge had closed with every lodge in good standing and not a single one in arrear. "Sixteen years ago" he said, "our Grand Lodge was formed, with thirty-three lodges on the roll. Today there are ninety-seven lodges on the register, with a membership of 4,108."

We cannot help thinking that the Archbishop was wrong when he said that "prior to the opening days of the fateful month of August, 1914, very great efforts were being made by the representatives of English, French and German Masons to bring about a better understanding between the peoples of these countries, and pave the way for the advent of universal peace." It is true enough that British and French Masons were for peace; and it is true enough that there was a proposal to discuss pacifism in a conference of German Masons; but the three Prussian Grand Masters issued their commands that pacifism was not to be discussed, and the conference was not held.

Western Australia, said the Grand Master, had about 300 Masons either in camp or on the firing line, not counting those of other jurisdictions in the state. And 300 out of 4,100 Masons is a very creditable showing. It is more than seven per cent. of the total membership.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was divided among the members of a committee, that for Canada being written by Bro. F. A. McMullen. The work is mainly an account of the doings of other bodies, with little criticism.

Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley, Perth, Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, Perth, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Fifty-second annual communication, held at Huntington, November 15th, 1916. T. Wilbur Hennen Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported that the year had been "a prosperous one for Freemasonry throughout the jurisdiction."

He deplored the loss of three Past Grand Masters: (1) Robert White, Grand Master in 1874 and 1875; (2) George Hatch, Grand Master in 1903 and 1904; and (3) William George Bennett, Grand Master in 1883 and 1884.

One of the Grand Master's dispensations was thus reported:

To Beckley Lodge No. 95, to complete the work upon Brother Jack Crichton, an Entered Apprentice, at a regular communication of the lodge held on Friday, October 6, 1916. Since receiving the Entered Apprentice degree Brother Crichton had enlisted in the Canadian volunteers and had returned to Beckley on a few days' leave of absence, hoping to be able to receive the remaining degrees before embarking with his regiment for Europe.

Among his decisions was this: "A profane who cannot conform to the ritual without the aid of artificial appliances is physically disqualified for initiation." And another: "A petition for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry is in effect a legal document. The petitioner must, therefore, be of lawful age (21 years) before he can properly execute such a petition." And again: "A lodge under dispensation cannot conduct a Masonic trial."

The Grand Lodge Educational Committee had given assistance to a number of children of deceased brethren to aid them in getting an education. That is practical benevolence of the best kind.

A brother named Henry Krug had been very active in the service of Masonry during his life, and at his death it was discovered that he had left

to the Grand Lodge nearly \$150,000 for the establishment of a Masonic home. The first steps have been taken to carry into effect the wishes of Bro. Krug.

In one lodge in the state both Wardens were absent on the night of installation. A few days later the Worshipful Master permanently left the jurisdiction of the lodge, and, under the law of West Virginia, there was no one who had authority to open the lodge. The Grand Master therefore went to the place, opened the lodge and invested the Wardens. In this jurisdiction a Past Master of a lodge could open the lodge and preside in the absence of the regular officers.

M. W. Bro. George W. Atkinson submitted his twenty-fifth report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviewed seventy-two volumes of proceedings, including five reviewed for two years each. He noted that West Virginia was not reviewed in our report for 1915. That was because the proceedings had not been received. In reference to the work of District Deputy Grand Masters in this jurisdiction Bro. Atkinson said:

I have often stated that all of the other Grand Lodges of the country could not render a better service to the craft than to follow the methods of the District Deputies of this grand jurisdiction.

Thanks for the appreciation.

Lodges in West Virginia 151, including one under dispensation; members 19,693, a gain for the year of 865.

Charles E. Carrigan, Moundsville, Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Seventy-second annual communication, held at Milwaukee June 13th, 1916. George O. Kellogg Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was very brief. He indulged in sorrow because of the dread-

ful war in Europe, but had no word of condemnation for those who caused the war.

He announced the loss by death of three Past Grand Masters: (1) James E. Durgin, who was Grand Master in 1908 and died January 2nd, 1916; (2) Newton Moore Littlejohn, Grand Master 1890-1891, died February 27th, 1916; (3) David Husted Wright, Grand Master 1904, died March 7th, 1916. In each case Grand Lodge met in emergent communication to attend the funeral services.

A proposal to establish a Masonic employment bureau in the city of Milwaukee had the approval of the Grand Master. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that further information regarding the proposition, especially as to the estimated expense, be obtained before venturing on the experiment.

Among the letters received was one from Bro. Cornelius M. Treat, who was ninety-nine years old on the previous 25th of April. He was made a Mason in 1862, and had attended communications of Grand Lodge until failing strength made it impossible to attend.

A committee was appointed to investigate and recommend to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication such measures as will best promote the study side of Masonry in the jurisdiction.

In the evening the officers of Grand Rapids Lodge exemplified the third degree for the instruction of the brethren.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was again submitted by M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, who dealt fully and ably with the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Bro. Jenks thinks that it is contrary to the usual rule and also inadvisable to permit the Worshipful Master of a lodge to resign. In the first place the constitution of this jurisdiction explicitly says that "an officer of a lodge may resign his office." In the next place, it seems to us that it is wise, in case a Master of a lodge should, for any reason find himself unable to

discharge the duties of his office to the advantage of the lodge, that he should be permitted to vacate the office and permit the election of a brother who will do so.

Again Bro. Jenks dissents from the refusal of M. W. Bro. McPherson to authorize the initiation of a candidate who had not resided for a year in Ontario without a certificate of character from the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he had previously resided. The case appears to be very simple and plain. The constitution of Canada in Ontario forbids the initiation of a candidate who has not resided for one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he makes application. The Grand Master may grant a dispensation permitting his acceptance; but M. W. Bro. McPherson refused to grant the dispensation without a certificate of character which would be satisfactory to him. Nova Scotia may or may not claim jurisdiction after a profane has left the province. If it does it is welcome to the material until he has acquired a residence for Masonic purposes in this jurisdiction.

Lodges in Wisconsin 274; members 31,866, a gain for the year of 1,315.

Cyrus S. Stockwell, Neillsville, Grand Master.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

Forty-second annual communication, held at Sheridan September 14th, 1916. W. H. Dickinson Grand Master.

There were an address of welcome from the Masons of Sheridan and a reply on behalf of Grand Lodge, each the best of its kind, because each said all that was necessary in the fewest possible words.

The Grand Master reported that the year had been one of material growth in Wyoming, not only in membership but in the high character of the material received. "Most every lodge," he said, "reports progress and prosperity; no dissensions of

any kind have been reported; and, with peace and harmony prevailing, we are to draw new designs upon the trestle board for the guidance of the workmen during the forty-fourth year of our existence."

The work in Wyoming, said the Grand Master, while uniform in essentials, differed in details. This was due to the fact that affiliates from other jurisdictions brought in varieties of practice. He suggested the appointment of a committee of Past Masters to compile a code of laws to be submitted to Grand Lodge at its ensuing communication.

He had ruled that, where a candidate "can take all the positions required in giving and receiving work, he was qualified physically to make application for the degrees."

Progress had been made in installing the card index system; but difficulty had been experienced in getting accurate information from the constituent lodges.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and there was neither grievance nor appeal.

The very comprehensive and readable report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes. Bro. Lowndes thinks we were premature in having hope for the Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France. There is some reason to fear that he is right and that our faith was not well founded. But Elijah, when he stood in the mouth of the cave said, "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars, and I am left alone, and they seek my life." Yet the Lord had reserved to himself seven thousand men who had not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. France is now in her agony; and it may be that when the star of peace returns the sun of a brighter Masonry will follow. At all events we would rather speak an encouraging word to a struggling brother than a discouraging word.

Lodges in Wyoming 34; members 3,518, a gain for the year of 202.

Herbert J. King, Laramie, Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Lander, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Above are reviews of all proceedings received at the office of the Grand Secretary down to the time at which it was necessary to send the copy to the printer. It is a matter for regret that several did not arrive in time.

There is nothing in the Masonic world which appears to call for special comment, except the unusual number of men of eminence and ability who have been called away by death. Of them it suffices to say that the world was better because they lived, and that their teaching and example will live though they are gone.

A. T. FREED, Chairman.

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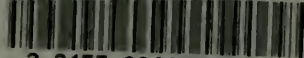
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